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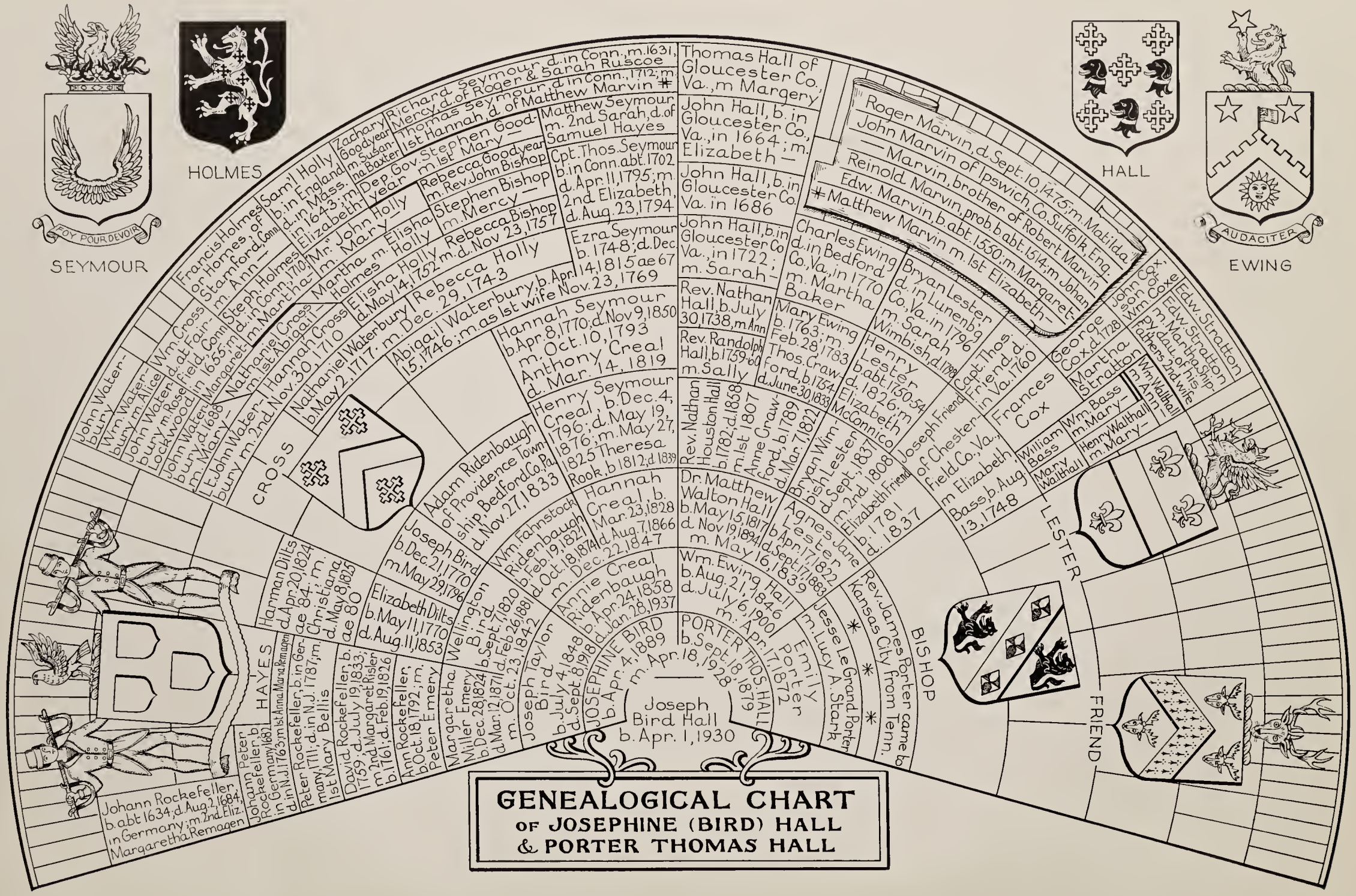
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Joseph Bird Hall b. Apr. 1, 1930
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OF JOSEPHINE (BIRD) HALL
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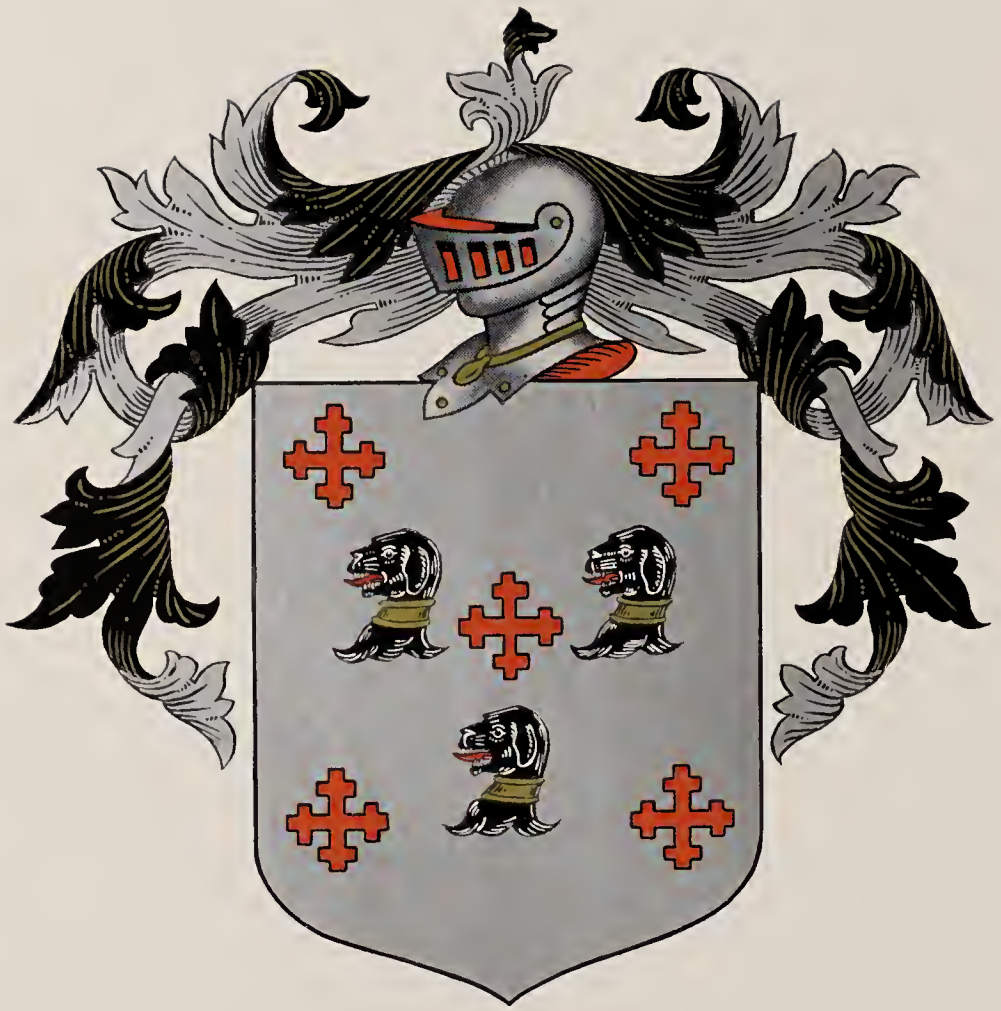


Hall

HALL ARMS

Arms—Argent, three talbots' heads erased sable, collared or, between five crosses crosslet gules.

(Burke: *General Armory*. Arms in possession of the family.)

A CHART LISTING ELEVEN GENERATIONS OF THE

HALL FAMILY IN AMERICA

WITH A MAP INDICATING THEIR GRADUAL MIGRATION FROM GLOUCESTER CO, VIRGINIA, TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

THE HALL HOMESTEAD
ARROW ROCK, MISSOURI

10 Thomas Hall, ancestor of his line, is first found on record in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., Va., with the listing of his marriage to Margery, and the births of their three children.

9 John Hall was b in Gloucester Co., Va., in 1664 He m Elizabeth, whose surname is not known.

8 John Hall was b. in Gloucester Co., Va, in 1686 He is known to have been m. twice

7 John Hall, a son by the first marriage, was b. probably in Gloucester Co., Va., in 1722. He may have lived in Pittsylvania Co., Va. His wife was named Sarah, surname unknown, and she left a will dated Mar 23, 1790, and proved May 30, 1791.

6 Rev. Nathan Hall, the only child, was b in Gloucester Co., Va. July 30, 1738, and d. in Patrick Co. in 1815 He was an Episcopal minister or "reader" and lived in several counties, including Pittsylvania, Henry, and Brunswick. In 1781, he joined the military forces, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. He m (first), in 1755, Ann.

5 Rev. Randolph Hall was b in Gloucester Co, Va., in 1759-60, and d. in Garrard Co., Ky, in 1821. He went to Kentucky in 1783 and became a pastor in the Baptist Church For a time he was back in Henry Co., Va., then in Stokes Co., N. Carolina, and finally returned to Garrard Co, where his will was made Aug. 3, 1816. He served in the Revolution, and was, with his father, at Yorktown. His wife's name was Sally.

4 Rev. Nathan Huston Hall was b. in Franklin Co., Va., in 1782, and d. at Columbia, Mo. in June 22, 1858. He went to Kentucky with his father, and, deserting the Baptist faith in 1801, became a Presbyterian minister in 1805, serving in Washington Co. for fifteen years, and in Lexington for twenty-five years. In 1847 he became an evangelist in the Mississippi valley and in May, 1851, went to St Louis and later to Booneville, and finally to Columbia. He was a distinguished revival preacher and a founder of the Kentucky Bible Society, forerunner of the American Bible Society. He m. (first), July 6, 1807, Anne Crawford, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Ewing) Crawford of Perryville, Kentucky.

3 Dr. Matthew Walton Hall was b. at Springfield, Ky. May 15, 1817, and d. in Saline Co., Mo., Nov 19, 1894. He graduated from Transylvania College with the degree of M D in 1837 He settled at Salem, Illinois, where he m., May 16, 1839, Agnes Jane Lester, who had recently come from Charlotte Co., Va., with her parents, Bryan Wimbish and Elizabeth (Friend) Lester Early in 1845 Dr Hall and his family moved to Arrow Rock, Mo In 1857 they moved to a farm sixteen miles westward. Captured on the Blackwater two days after he had enlisted at Warrensburg in Oct., 1864, Dr Hall stayed in prison at Alton, Ill. the remainder of the Civil War

2 William Ewing Hall was b. at Arrow Rock, Mo, Aug. 21, 1846, and d. at Kansas City, Mo., July 6, 1900. After serving in the Confederate Army, he studied law, and had a most successful career. He m., Apr. 17, 1872, Emily Porter, dau. of Jesse LeGrand and Lucy A (Stark) Porter, and descendant of Rev James Porter who came to Kansas City from Tennessee in 1832.

1 PORTER THOMAS HALL, b. at Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 18, 1879, m, Apr 18, 1928, Josephine Bird

i Joseph Bird Hall, b April 1, 1930

Hall

THE ancestry of Porter Thomas Hall, and that of his wife, Josephine (Bird) Hall, of Kansas City, Missouri, dates back to early Colonial days in America. The founders of the several families were among the pioneers prominent in the part they played in the development of their chosen homeland. This fine tradition of useful and patriotic service has become a treasured heritage, of which the present day descendants may well be proud.

Hall, as a surname, derives directly from the manor house whose principal room was the reception hall, a petty court of justice, as well as the scene of entertainment. The keeper of the hall, seneschal, or hall-man, acted for his chieftain during his absence, as well as serving as keeper of the signet ring or seal by which all deeds or acts of his lordship received approval. From this custom comes the modern expression of "hall-mark." The original spellings of the name were Atte Hall, Del Hall, and De Aula.

(M. A. Lower: *Patronymica Britannica.*)

Thomas Hall received a grant of three hundred acres of land in lower Norfolk County, Virginia, November 20, 1647, for the transportation to that colony of six persons. His land was "lying on the head of a little creek, a branch of the southern branch of Elizabeth River, adjoining John Clarke." November 30, 1652, William Grantlet received a land warrant for the transportation of Thomas Halls into Virginia; and again, September 6, 1654, Mr. Giles Brent received a

land warrant for one thousand acres on the south side of "Potomeck River," for the transportation into Virginia of Thomas Hall, and others.

These are the earliest records of the name of Thomas Hall in Virginia. Whether any one of them refers to the Thomas Hall of further consideration is not made clear.

(N. M. Nugent: *Cavaliers and Pioneers,* Vol. I, pp. 174, 269, 315.)

I

THOMAS HALL, ancestor of his family, is first found of record in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, when his marriage to Margery, whose surname is not known, is intimated by the listing of their children in the mutilated church records.

He married Margery. Children:

1. Thomas, born in 1663; married Elizabeth, whose surname is not found; children:
   - i. John, born in 1680, died in 1737; married Mary.
   - ii. Ann, born in 1683.
   - iii. Elizabeth, born in 1685.
   - iv. Edmund.
2. *John (1)*, of whom further.
3. Catherine, born in 1685, "the said Thomas and Margary having no child between in 21 years," as appears on the church record.

(Family records.)

II

JOHN (1) HALL, son of Thomas and Margary Hall, was born in Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1664.

He married Elizabeth, whose surname is not known.

Children:

1. Mary, born in 1683.
2. Thomas, born in 1684.
3. *John (2)*, of whom further.

4. George, born in 1688, died in 1738; married Elizabeth; children:
    i. Ann, born in 1715.
    ii. Thomas, born in 1716.
    iii. Elizabeth, born in 1718.
    iv. George, born in 1719.
    v. Mary (twin), born in 1722.
    vi. Joanna (twin), born in 1722.
    vii. Catharine, born in 1725.
    viii. Mildred, born in 1728.
    ix. Edmund, born in 1733.
5. William, born in 1693.
6. Ann, born in 1699.
7. Deborah, born in 1701.
8. Joseph, born in 1703; married (first) Fanny; (second) Martha, whose surnames have not been found; child of first marriage:
    i. Fanny, born in 1751.

    Children of second marriage:
    ii. Leah.
    iii. Ralph, born in 1757.
9. Sarah, born in 1706. (*Ibid.*)

III

JOHN (2) HALL, son of John (1) and Elizabeth Hall, was born in Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1686. He is known to have been twice married, but the names of his wives are not found.

Children of first marriage:

1. Mary, born in 1720.
2. *John* (3), of whom further.
3. Thomas, born in 1724.
4. James, born in 1726.

Children of second marriage:

5. Solomon, born in 1731.
6. Willis, born in 1734.
7. Lucy, born in 1737. (*Ibid.*)

IV

JOHN (3) HALL, son of John (2) Hall and his first wife, was born probably in Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1722. In the list of "tithables taken by Theop'l Lacy, 10th of June, 1767," in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, is: John Hall, 1 tithable, no acres of land. In a "list of tithables taken by John Hanley Gent. for year 1767," for the same county appears: John Hall, 1 tithable, no acres. In "a list of Land and tithes taken by Hugh Innes for Pittsylvania County Anno Dom. 1767," is listed:

Thomas Hall	1 tithe
William Hall }	
Lansford Hall }	2 tithes
Jesse Hall	1 tithe
William Hall, Jr.	1 tithe
Isom Hall	1 tithe, 200 acres
John Hall	1 tithe, 200 acres

While it is not proven that any of these lists apply to the John Hall of our interest, it is known that his son, Nathan, was living in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1774.

John (3) Hall married Sarah, who was evidently living with her son when she died. An abstract of her will dated March 23, 1790, and proved May 30, 1791, follows:

> In the name of God, Amen: I Sarah Hall of Henry County, being sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth. In the first place I commit my body to the earth and my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and as to my worldly estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to Bless me in this life with, I dispose of in manner and form as followeth, viz: I lend unto my beloved son Nathan Hall all my negroes, vz: George, Sarah, Rachel, Jane, Daniel, Silvey, Charlie, Price and Lijah, and their increase during his life. Likewise all my stock and household furniture except two cows I give to my said

son and at my said sons decease I give the said Estate, Negroes &c. unto my Grand Children as my said son Nathan Hall shall see cause to divide the same amongst my said Grand Children, but if my son should traid, sell or dispose, hire or lend any part of the said Estate any where or to any person during his life or if any debt should come against my said son and take any part of the said estate or any part be sold by my son or any other person to satisfy any debt contracted by my said son, then that part of the said estate thus sold or conveyed out of the hands of my son I give unto my Grand Children: John, Randolph, Thomas Row, and Jonathan, to be equally divided between them and their heirs &c. as soon as it is known to be out of the hands or possession of my said son, Nathan Hall. And I do ordain and appoint my said son Nathan Hall as my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament, as witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of March, 1790.

N. B.: Interlined before signing.

Teste:
JONATHAN HALL
her
NANCY X STORM
mark
her
ELIZABETH X STORM
mark

her
SARAH X HALL
mark

Child:

1. *Nathan,* of whom further.

(*Ibid. Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,* Vol. XXIII, p. 373; Vol. XXIV, pp. 181, 192, 272.)

V

REV. NATHAN HALL, only child of John (3) and Sarah Hall, was born in Gloucester County, Virginia, July 30, 1738, and died in Patrick County just after it had been formed from Henry County, Virginia, in 1815. Rev. Nathan Hall left a will dated February 19, 1815, and proved in Patrick County, Virginia, at the March term of court, 1815, of which the following is an abstract:

I, Nathan Hall, senr., of Patrick County . . . . do make this my last will and testament. Item. It is my desire that John Hall should have part of my land I live on . . . . Item. It is my desire that the balance of my land should be sold and the money equally divided among all my sons and daughters.

Item. It is my desire that all my negroes, Daniel, Charles, Ezebel, Mal, Eady, Jim, Price, Sindy, Lucy and Ruth be sold for the best price that can be got and equally divided amongst all my sons & daughters, that is to say, Jno, Randal, Thomas, Jonathan, Molly, Sally, Nancy, Jeremiah, and Frankey . . . . It is my desire that Jno. Hall and Thomas R. Hall should be my executors of this, my last will. It is also my desire that if any of my children should be dead before the assignment of this will their heirs should have 50 cents apiece.

Signed in the presents of:

his
RUSSEL X HALL
mark

his
NATHAN X HALL
mark

her
DELIA X HALL
mark

her
ANN X HALL
mark

Rev. Nathan Hall could write, and had signed his name to all deeds and other documents, so it is evident that he was too ill to sign his will. The inventory of his estate amounted to $2,233.34.

He was an Episcopal minister or "reader" and lived in various counties, according to records. He was married in 1755, and three children were born in Gloucester County, as appears from church records. September 25, 1763, he bought 250 acres of land on Avints Creek, Brunswick County, and January 26, 1767, conveyed to his mother, Sarah Hall, all the slaves, stock and crops on the Avints Creek property. April 27, 1767, he sold two acres of land to Silas Stockes. Two more children, Randolph and Jonathan, were born here. While living in Pittsylvania County in 1773 and 1774, he gave a deed for suc-

cessive debts on loans of money. July 5, 1774, Lord John Dunmore, then Governor of Virginia, confirmed a patent of land to Nathan Hall for a tract of 277 acres of land on Marrowbone Creek, Pittsylvania County, and October 3, 1774, Nathan Hall was "clerk of Horsepasture Chappell," and received "250 lbs. of Tobacco for three months service as reader."

Henry County, Virginia, was formed from Pittsylvania County in 1776, and in that year Nathan, John Randolph, Thomas, and Merry Hall took the oath of allegiance in Henry County. It appears that in 1781 Nathan Hall and his son Randolph Hall joined the local military forces that marched to the aid of Washington, and were present at the surrender of Cornwallis. October 25, 1779, Nathan Hall of Pittsylvania County, sold his acreage on Avints Creek to Sylvanus Shelton. In 1782 Nathan Hall was paid "£2-5-0 for 235 lbs. of beef to the commissary of provisions." In the meantime, in August, 1777, Nathan Hall bought 400 acres of land on Irwins River, Henry County, and an additional tract of 234 acres adjoining, in May, 1784. Governor Benjamin Harrison of Virginia, January 23, 1784, confirmed the patent of a survey dated May 8, 1780, for 460 acres of land on Smith River, Henry County, to Nathan Hall, who bought two adjoining tracts on Smith River from James Poteet, in 1784 and 1786, respectively.

His mother, Sarah Hall, in her will, named only the first four children of Rev. Nathan Hall, and this leads to the conclusion that the first wife of Rev. Nathan Hall died shortly after Jonathan Hall was born. After Sarah Hall died in 1790, it is evident that Rev. Nathan Hall married a second time and left at his death five more children, all minors, judging from their "pet names" used in his will, and with no reference to any marriage.

Rev. Nathan Hall married (first), in 1755, Ann, whose surname has not been found. He probably married (second), after 1790, a lady, name not known, who apparently was the mother of the younger children named in his will. She did not survive her husband.

Children of first marriage:

1. Elizabeth, born August 22, 1756, probably died in infancy.

2. John, born on Whitsunday, 1758, died in Patrick County, Virginia, in 1833; became a lawyer and justice in Patrick County.
3. *Randolph,* of whom further.
4. Thomas Rowland, who lived and reared a family in Patrick County, Virginia.
5. Jonathan.

Children of second marriage:

6. Molly.
7. Sallie.
8. Nancy.
9. Jeremiah.
10. Frankey.

(J. P. A. Hill: *A History of Henry County,* pp. 304-10. *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,* Vol. IX, pp. 11, 13; Vol. X, p. 140. *Brunswick County, Virginia, Deeds,* Vol. VIII, pp. 433, 547; Vol. XI, p. 167; Vol. XIII, p. 414. *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds,* Vol. XLII, p. 668. Family records.)

VI

REV. RANDOLPH HALL, son of Rev. Nathan and Ann Hall, was born in Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1759-60, and died in Garrard County, Kentucky, in 1821. An abstract of his will dated August 3, 1816, and probated in July, 1821, reads as follows:

> In the name of God, Amen, Randolph Hall, of the County of Garrard, and the State of Kentucky, being sensible of my mortality, and knowing that life is uncertain do make my last will and testament in manner and form following, to-wit: I give to my beloved wife Sally Hall the tract of land on which I now live together with my negro man Ned with as much of my other personal estate as she may think necessary for her comfortable support during her natural life or widowhood, she keeping my poor afflicted son Jonathan Hall, and maintaining him and at her death or marriage for the land on which I now live to be rented and for the rent to be applied to the support of my afflicted son

> Jonathan and my faithful servant Ned to be free. My land in Pulaski county, Kentucky, I wish to be sold, together with my other personal estate which my wife dont take, and the money equally divided amongst all my children, viz: Nathan Huston Hall, Susanna, Downing, Shadrack Hall, Elizabeth Hanly, David Hall, Anna Hall, John Mason Hall, Polly Hall and Randolph Strother Hall. I do appoint my trusty friends James Sellers and Garrard Banks executors of this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of August in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.
>
> (Signed) RANDOLPH HALL.

He signed his name both "Randolph" and "Randall." His will is signed Randolph and his grandchildren always called him "Randall." He was a very strong and active minister and missionary in the Baptist Church, spending his life in active ministry in various locations. In 1783 he removed to Garrard County, Kentucky, where he became pastor of the newly formed Forks of Dix River Baptist Church. He was taxed there in 1797, for "100 acres on Sugar Creek, 1 black, 3 horses." For a time he was back in Henry County, Virginia, then in Stokes County, North Carolina, and finally returned to Garrard County, Kentucky, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Rev. Randolph Hall took an active part in the Revolution, along with his father, Rev. Nathan Hall, but whether as chaplain or soldier or both is not clearly known. Mr. J. H. Spencer in his "History of Kentucky Baptists," page 34, says of him:

> He was a good solid preacher, of a warm, impressive address and exercised an extensive influence within the bounds of the South District Association, of which he was moderator for many years. He was instrumental in gathering Sugar Creek Church in Garrard County in 1801, to which, and to Stony Point in Mercer County, he preached for a number of years. He was no less distinguished for piety than for his faithful and successful labors.

Rev. Randolph Hall married Sally, whose surname is not known. She survived him.

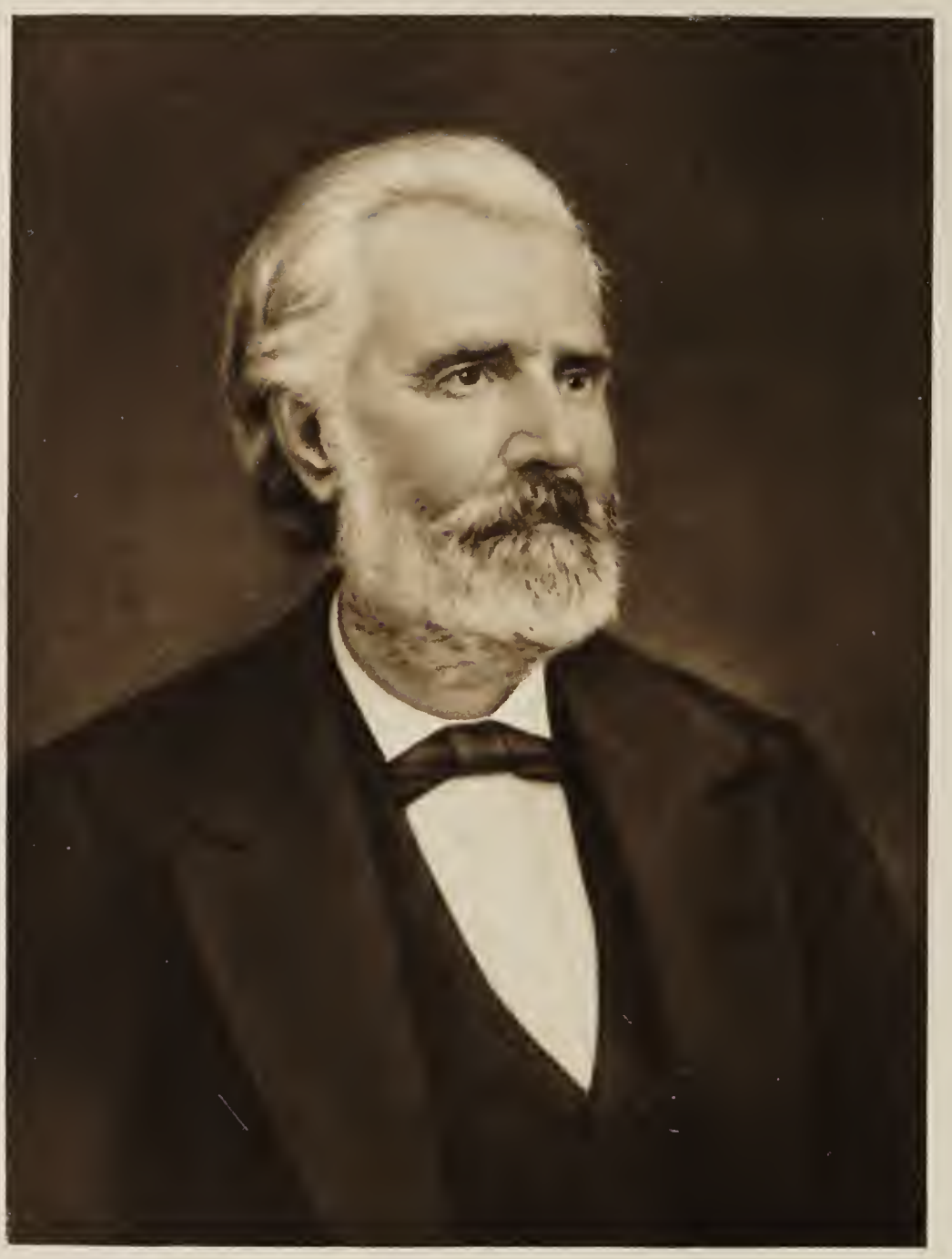
Children:

1. *Nathan Huston,* of whom further.
2. Susanna, married Mr. Downing.
3. Shadrack.
4. Elizabeth, married Mr. Hanley.
5. David.
6. Anna.
7. John Mason.
8. Polly.
9. Randolph Strother.
10. Jonathan.

(J. H. Spencer: *A History of Kentucky Baptists,* Vol. I, pp. 35-36. Family records.)

VII

REV. NATHAN HUSTON HALL, son of Rev. Randolph and Sally Hall, was born in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1782, and died at Columbia, Missouri, June 22, 1858. He went to Kentucky with his father and was converted in the great Presbyterian revival of 1801. Forsaking the Baptist faith of his father, he studied under the eminent Presbyterians, Rev. Joseph L. Wilson, D. D., and Rev. Thomas Clelland, D. D., and was licensed as a Presbyterian minister in 1805. In 1806 he was installed in his first charge of three congregations in Washington County, Kentucky, where he remained for fifteen years. He then accepted the charge of the First Presbyterian Church at Lexington, and remained for twenty-five years. In 1847 he resigned this post and traveled as an evangelist for some years over most of the states in the Mississippi Valley. In May, 1851, he removed to Missouri, and was appointed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis. He resigned this charge upon the death of his second wife, February 20, 1860, and removed to Booneville, Missouri, to be near his children who were living there. Later he removed to Columbia County, Missouri, where he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church until his death. He was distinguished as a revival preacher, and as early as 1811 was one of the founders and a supporter of the Kentucky Bible Society "which doubtless gave a power-



Matthew Walton Hall, M.D.

Agnes Jane (Lester) Hall

fully directing influence to the organization of the American Bible Society five years later, and of which it became an auxillary in 1817." When the Springfield and Washington County Bible Society was organized in January, 1817, Rev. Nathan Huston Hall was its president. He was chaplain of Lexington Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, and took part in the funeral honors accorded to Lafayette at Lexington, July 26, 1834.

Rev. Nathan Huston Hall married (first), July 6, 1807, Anne Crawford, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Ewing) Crawford. (Ewing III.) He married (second) Elizabeth (Pope) Trotter, who was born in Kentucky, about 1787, and died February 26, 1850, daughter of Colonel William and Penelope (Edwards) Pope, and widow of General George Trotter of Louisville, Kentucky.

Children of first marriage:

1. Crawford Wilson, died at Rogersville, Tennessee, in 1892; married Caroline Myers of Kingsport, Tennessee.
2. Emily, died in June, 1879; married Judge C. H. Smith.
3. *Matthew Walton,* of whom further.
4. John Randolph, born February 2, 1820; married Julia M. Snell.

Children of second marriage:

5. Florida Pope, born January 17, 1825, died at San Antonio, Texas, November 5, 1911; married (first) Charles Boswell; (second), in 1848, Warwick Tunstall.
6. Sallie W., born October 25, 1827, died July 9, 1863; married Robert Levi Todd.
7. Penelope Pope, married Dr. William C. Phillips.

(L. and R. H. Collins: *History of Kentucky,* Vol. I, pp. 474-492; Vol. II, p. 750. *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine,* First Series, Vol. XII, p. 250. *Kentucky State Historical Society Register,* Vol. XXXIV, p. 155. Mrs. H. K. Adams: *Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records,* p. 129. Family records.)

VIII

DR. MATTHEW WALTON HALL, son of Rev. Nathan Huston and Anne (Crawford) Hall, was born at Springfield, Washington County, Ken-

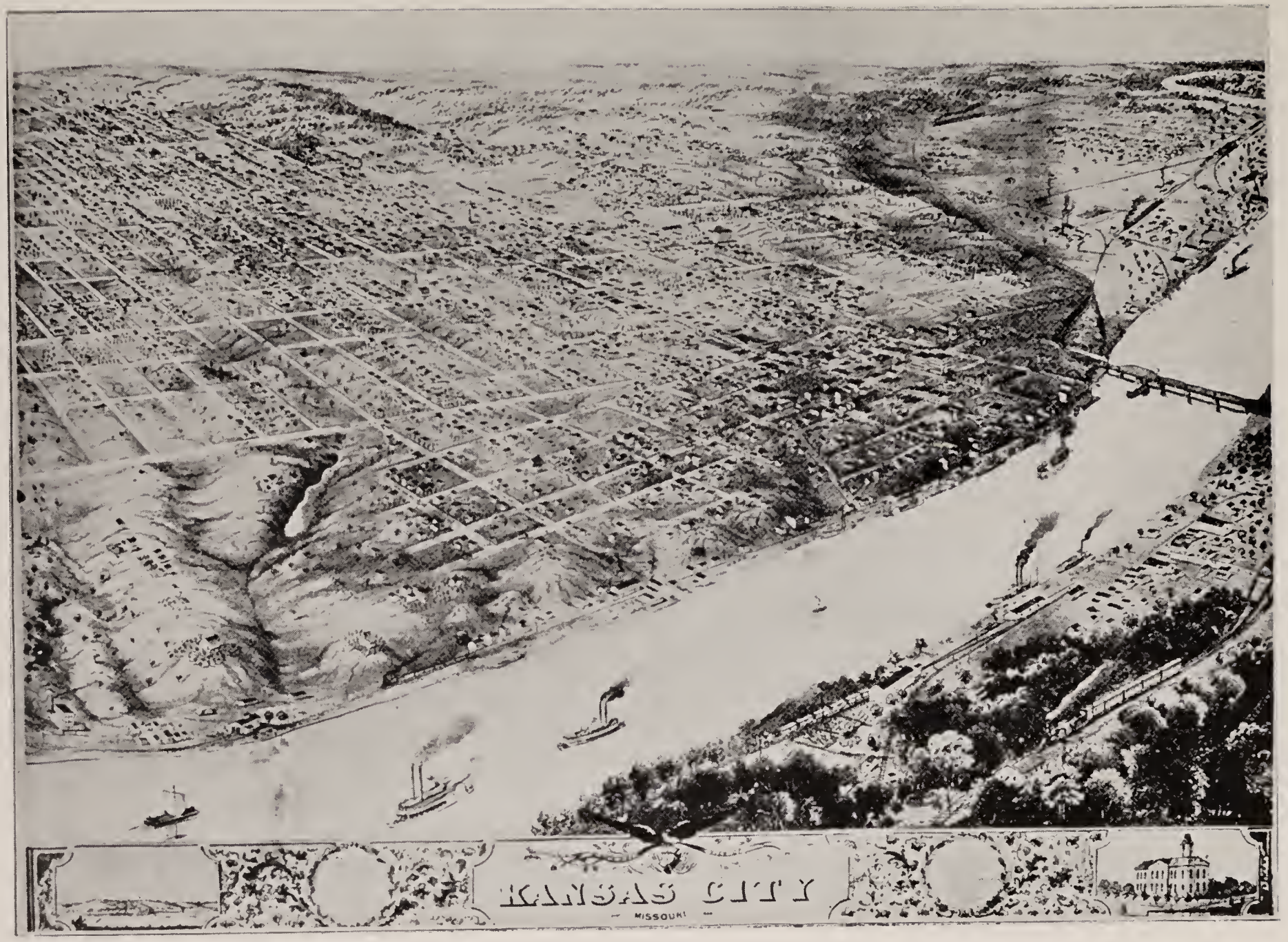
The Hall Homestead, Arrow Rock, Missouri

tucky, May 15, 1817, and died in Saline County, Missouri, at the residence of his son, Hon. Matthew Walton Hall, November 19, 1894. Dr. Matthew Walton Hall left a will which was probated in Saline County, Missouri, December 6, 1894, an abstract of which follows:

> Item. 1st. I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors out of my estate as soon as the same can be legally done. Item. 2nd. I desire all my children to receive the same benefit from my estate I expended for the professional education of my sons, C. Lester, W. E., John R., and Thomas B. about the sum of five hundred dollars each and it seems to me to be right and proper, therefore, to give a like amount to my other children, and I do, therefore, give the sum of five hundred dollars each to my son M. W. Hall, Jr., and to my daughters, Louise Trigg, Florida Shackleford and Effie Glover. All the rest and residue of my property, real and personal and mixed, shall be divided, share and share alike, among all my children, to wit: C. Lester, John R., W. Ewing, Thomas B., M. W. Hall, Jr., Louise, Florida and Effie, above named. Item. 3rd. I nominate and appoint my sons, John R. Hall, M. W. Hall, Jr., and Thomas B. Hall, executors of this my last will and testament.
>
> Witnesses: D. D. DUGGINS, J. B. BREATHITT.

He was educated at Transylvania College, of which his father was a trustee, being graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1837. Crossing the Ohio River, he settled at Salem, Illinois, where a neighbor was Bryan Wimbish Lester, who had migrated with his family three years earlier, from Charlotte County, Virginia. Early in 1845, Dr. Hall and his family, Henry S. Miles, and Samuel J. Herron, who had married a sister of Mrs. Hall's, again migrated, this time to Missouri, where they settled at Arrow Rock. Here Dr. Hall engaged in the successful practice of his profession for twelve years, until 1857, when he decided to buy a prairie farm sixteen miles further west and seven miles from Marshall, because he had decided that "town's no place to raise boys; they wouldn't be worth shooting." When the War Between the States broke out he and his son, Crawford Lester Hall, joined General Sterling Price's army in October, 1864, at Warrensburg, Missouri. Two days later both he and his son were cap-

View of St. Joseph in 1850



Topographical Map of Kansas City, 1869

tured on Blackwater Creek, five miles from their home. They were first placed in the old McDowell College building at St. Louis, but later were taken to Alton, Illinois, where Dr. Hall was placed in charge of the prison hospital and cared for the sick and injured of both armies. Owing to an epidemic of pneumonia, Dr. Hall forced his son to accept his parole and return home. After the war Dr. Hall returned to his prairie home, where he lived the balance of his life. The land remained in the possession of descendants for many years. Upon his death, Rev. Joshua Barbee said of him:

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> He was truly one of the people; their sorrow was his sorrow and their joy was his joy; for them he lived and with them he wanted to be buried. He honored his profession, and was entitled to be called a "beloved physician." He carried with him sympathy as well as medicine. His words and presence were a comfort to many a sick room. His mission was higher than to administer medicine and receive money. His home was modest but beneath his roof everything was hospitality and kindness. The young and old were welcome there and for many years his family had been noted for generous entertainment. Dr. Hall was reared in the Presbyterian faith, and he loved his church, but all Christians recognized him as a brother. His house was home for several of his kindred for years, with whom he shared his living even as he did with his own children. The people honored him by twice electing him to a seat in the legislature, and no one feared for the interests of the country, when in his hands. On all questions he was firm and decided, but gentle and courteous to his opponents . . . . His devotion to his flock with which he worshipped was intense; for them he wept and prayed and labored. His memory is precious. May the mantle of the father and grandfather fall upon the sons and grandsons.

Many other eulogies of Dr. Hall appeared in the local press and from the pens of his contemporaries, all in the same tenor and in praise of his character, honor and abilities.

Dr. Matthew Walton Hall married, at Salem, Illinois, May 16, 1839, Agnes Jane Lester. (Lester IV.)

Children:

1. C. Lester.

William Ewing Hall

Emily (Porter) Hall

Hd Qrs Shelby's Div 2nd Corps
Cresswell Texas 1865

This is to certify that Private

W. E. Hall of Company H Gordon's Regiment

of Missouri Volunteer Cavalry is this day honorably

discharged from the army of the Confederate States

by reason of the expiration of his term of Service.

Lieut. Thos. Collins, Com Comp.

Jo. O. Shelby,
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2. *William Ewing,* of whom further.
3. John R.
4. Louise, married Mr. W. W. Trigg.
5. Matthew Walton, Jr.
6. Thomas B.
7. Florida, married Mr. D. W. Shackleford.
8. Effie, married Mr. Fred B. Glover. (Family records.)

IX

WILLIAM EWING HALL, son of Dr. Matthew Walton and Agnes Jane (Lester) Hall, was born at Arrow Rock, Missouri, August 21, 1846, and died at Kansas City, Missouri, July 6, 1900. In 1862 he entered the Kemper Military School, at Boonville, Missouri, and remained until Sterling Price's raid in Western Missouri, when, without leave, he entered the Confederate Army under G. O. Shelby, and stepped into active service in the battles of the Blue River and Westport, receiving a wound at the latter that in after years was contributory to his death. His discharge, signed by General Shelby, is in the possession of the family of Porter T. Hall. After the close of the war, William Ewing Hall attended Washington University, and then finished his law course at Louisville, Kentucky. He began the practice of law in 1871, with Judge Francis M. Black, and Daniel B. Holmes, under the firm name of Black and Holmes, at Kansas City, Missouri. Later he was associated with Oliver H. Dean and Judge A. M. Allen. In 1877, when only thirty-one years of age, he was elected judge of Jackson County. After his term expired he sought no further political or public offices, but practiced law alone with much success. He joined with his brothers-in-law, Jesse Lee and James B. Porter, in the realty business, under the firm name of Hall and Porter Brothers, and also assumed the presidency of the newly organized Commercial Bank, at the northwest corner of Troost Avenue and Eighteenth Street. He later became vice-president of the Metropolitan Bank. He also owned several farms in Kansas and Missouri and these, with the property inherited by his wife, occupied him in a wide variety of realty holdings.

William Ewing Hall married, at Kansas City, Missouri, April 17, 1872, Emily Porter, who died in November, 1927, daughter of Jesse LeGrand and Lucy

Jesse Le Grand Porter

Lucy A. (Stark) Porter

Home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ewing Hall and Family

A. (Stark) Porter, and a descendant of Rev. James Porter who came from Tennessee to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1832, and erected the Porter home in 1834-35, in which they lived for a time after their marriage. In 1889 they erected the handsome brick mansion which now occupies the site. Mrs. Hall had an active part in the establishment of the Troost Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church South, and as long as her health permitted was most zealous in all phases of its various activities.

Children:

1. Jessie Agnes, educated in public and private schools in Kansas City and in New England; after leaving school she toured Europe with her parents and has since spent much time in travel; married (first) Allen Logan, of Kansas City; (second) I. D. Redfield. She resides in the family homestead.
2. Lester Walton, born August 9, 1876; graduated from Yale University in 1898, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Columbia University in 1901; was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1901, and became a member of the law firm of Bowersock, Hall and Hook, of Kansas City; served as president of the Fidelity National Bank and Trust Company since April 14, 1924, and president of the Kansas City University Extension Center; married, in 1901, Ruth Austin, of Kansas City. Children:
   i. Ruth, graduated from Vassar College and received her degree of Doctor of Laws at Yale Law School; was divorce proctor at Kansas City; now with the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, New York City.
   ii. Lucy, graduated from Vassar College; now at home with her parents.
   iii. Jean, graduated from Vassar College; married Dr. Alano E. Pierce, of Minot, North Dakota.
   iv. Lester Walton, Jr., graduated from the University of Missouri; a national bank examiner.
   v. Porter T., 2d, attended the University of Missouri; married Jane Taylor.
3. *Porter Thomas,* of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

Truly T. Hess.

Josephine (Bird) Hall

Joseph Bird Hall

X

PORTER THOMAS HALL, son of William Ewing and Emily (Porter) Hall, was born at Kansas City, Missouri, September 18, 1879.

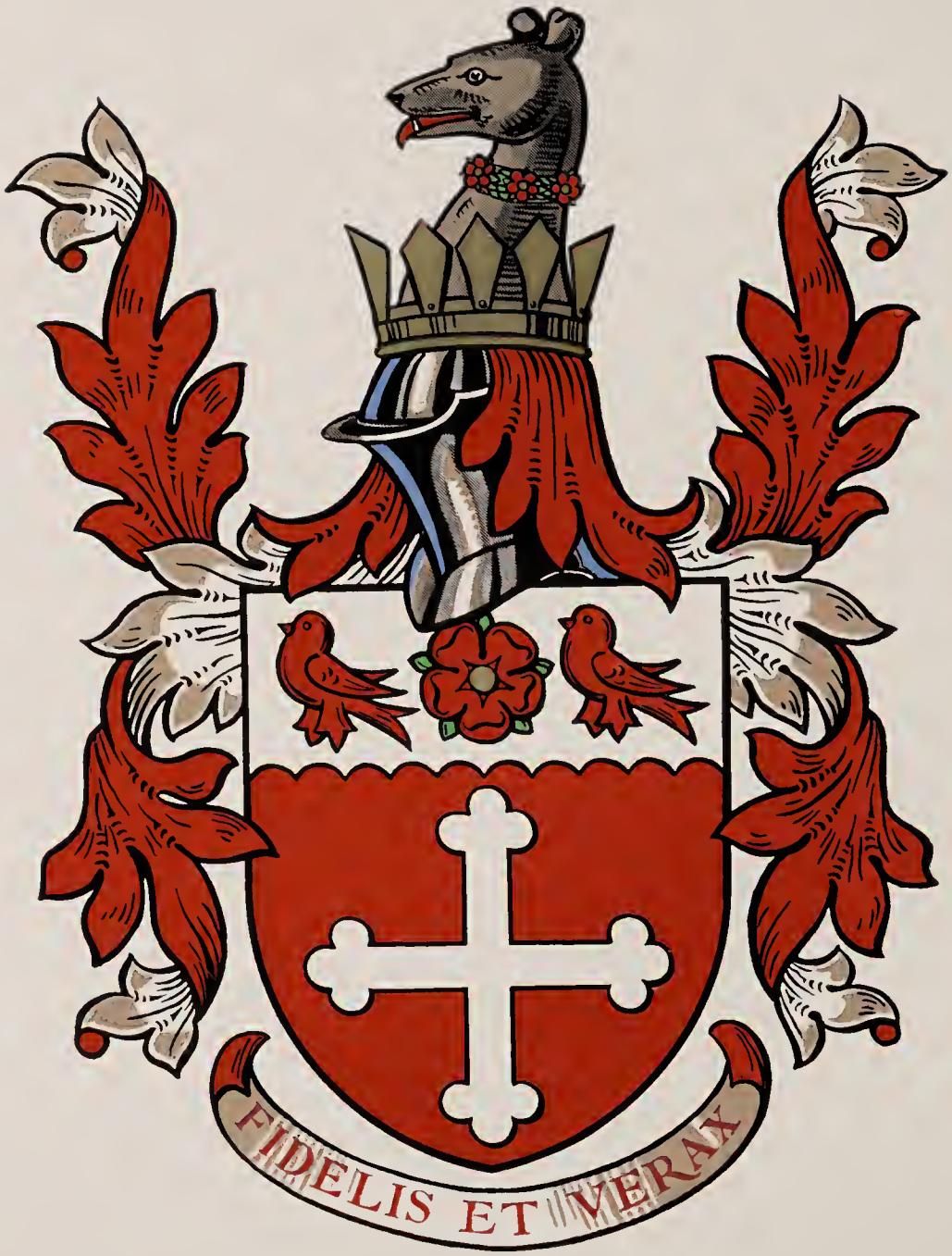
He was educated in the public schools of Kansas City; graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and from Yale University with honors in English in 1902. Following his graduation from Yale University he entered business in the real estate field where he remained until 1917. At the outbreak of the First World War he entered the first Officers Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas, and was discharged when the war ended from Camp Funston, Kansas, with the rank of major. He served as brigade adjutant in the 10th Infantry Brigade. With the country at peace again, Mr. Hall returned to the real estate business where he remained until 1929. His next venture was in the mercantile field and he joined the department store of Emery Bird Thayer Company, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1929, and was elected president in 1937.

He is a member of the following clubs: the Kansas City Country, of which he is past president; University, Kansas City and the Book and Snake. He belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association and is a member of the Bland Post, American Legion. Mr. Hall is a member and served as president of the Real Estate Board; the Merchants Association, Kansas City Provident Association and the Missouri Retailers Association. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the Real Estate Board, Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce, Provident Association, Store Managers Group of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, Safety Council, Kansas City Museum Association, Better Business Bureau, Automobile Club of Missouri, South Central Business Association, Citizens Council, American Royal Live Stock Show, Business District League, Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, Kansas City Art Institute and Civic Research Institute.

Porter Thomas Hall married, April 18, 1928, Josephine Bird. (Bird IV.)
Child:

1. Joseph Bird, born April 1, 1930. (Family records.)

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Porter T. Hall and Joseph Bird Hall



Bird

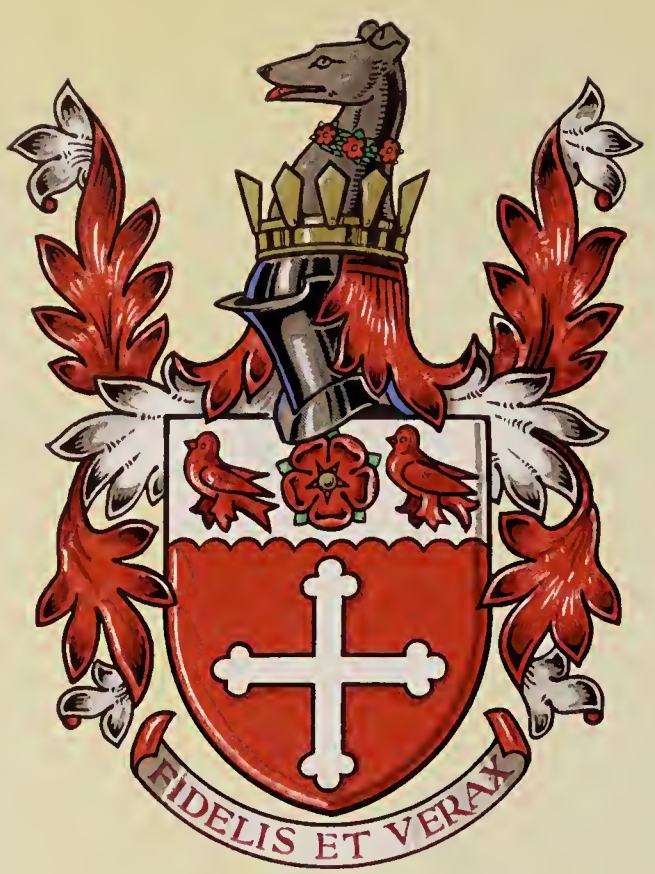
BIRD ARMS

Arms—Gules, a cross bottonée argent on a chief engrailed of the second a rose of the first barbed and seeded proper between two martlets also of the first.

Crest—Issuant out of a crown vallary or, a greyhound's head gorged with a chaplet of roses proper.

Motto—Fidelis et verax.

(Arms granted by Sir Gerald Woods Wollaston, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Garter Principal King of Arms, Sir Arthur William Stewart Cochrane, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Clarenceux King of Arms and Algar Henry Stafford Howard Esquire, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Norroy King of Arms of England.)



TO ALL AND

shall come Sir Gerald W[oods] Wo[llaston]
of the Bath, Knight Commander of th[e] Royal
William Steuart Cochrane, Knight [C]ommand[er]
and Algar Henry Stafford Howard Esquire,
Commander of the Royal Victorian [O]rder, [a]
Cross Norroy King of Arms Send Greeting! [W]
State of Missouri and United States [of] Americ[a]
Gentleman, and daughter of Joseph [Ta]ylor Bi[rd]
hath represented unto The Most Noble [and] Bernard
Noble Order of the Garter, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal [of] England
Council that she is desirous of having Honorary Arms for Bird duly assigned
hath requested the favour of His Grace's Warrant for Our granting and assigning
be proper to be placed on a monument or otherwise to the memory of her father
borne and used by his descendants according to the Laws of Arms And for
under his hand and Seal bearing date the Twenty second day of June last
Honorary Armorial Ensigns accordingly **Know ye therefore** that We the said
His Grace's Warrant and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several Offices
grant and assign the Honorary Arms following for **Bird** that is to say:
engrailed of the second a Rose of the first barbed and seeded
first And for the Crest Issuant out of a Crown Vallary Or a
Roses proper as the same are in the margin hereof more plainly
to the memory of the said Joseph Taylor Bird, deceased and to be
with due and proper differences according to the Laws of Arms
Clarenceux and Norroy Kings of Arms have to these Presents
of Our several Offices this Twentieth day of July in the Sixth
George the Sixth by the Grace of God of Great Britain Ireland
Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of Our Lord One thousand

Gerald W. Woollaston Garter

Arthur Cochrane Clarenceux

ALL AND SINGULAR to whom these Presents
ll come Gerald Woods Wollaston, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order
Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Garter Principal King of Arms, Sir Arthur
ochrane Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Clarenceux King of Arms
St. John Edward, Esquire, companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath,
Royal Victorian Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military
f Arms and Greeting! Whereas Josephine Hall of Kansas City in the
nd United States of America, wife of Porter Thomas Hall of Kansas City aforesaid,
ughter of Joseph Taylor Bird, late of Kansas City aforesaid, Gentleman, deceased
nto The Most Noble Bernard Marmaduke, Duke of Norfolk Knight of the Most
reditary Marshal of England and One of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy
Arms for Bird duly assigned to her under a Warrant from the Earl Marshal and
Our granting and assigning such Honorary Armorial Ensigns for Bird as may
to the memory of her father the said Joseph Taylor Bird deceased and to be
he Lawful Arms And forasmuch as the said Earl Marshal did by Warrant
y second day of June last authorize and direct Us to grant and assign such
Wherefore that We the said Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy in pursuance of
Patent of our several Offices to each of Us respectively granted do by these Presents
for Bird that is to say:- Gules a Cross Bottonée Argent on a Chief
first bored and seeded proper between two Martlets also of the
Crown Gallary Or a Greyhound's Head gorged with a Chaplet of
in here more plainly depicted to be placed on a monument or otherwise
Bird deceased and to be borne and used for ever hereafter by his descendants
g to the Laws of Arms In witness whereof We the said Garter,
have to these Presents subscribed Our names and affixed the Seals
ry of July in the Sixth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord
Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King,
d Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty two

Clarenceux

Alyn Howard

Norroy

Bird

BIRD is a surname derived from the nickname order. It was originally written le Brid, then Bridde, Bryd, Byrd, and Bird.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

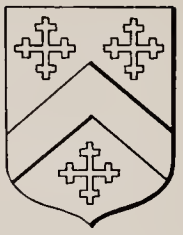
Tradition says the emigrant ancestor of the Bird family of New Jersey was Thomas Bird "who emigrated from England and settled in New Jersey, while other branches of the family settled in Massachusetts and Virginia." The earliest known home of the family was in that part of Bethlehem Township which later became Union Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. All census records prior to 1830 for Hunterdon County have been lost or destroyed. The files of the Adjutant General's Office at Washington, District of Columbia, show that John Bird, private, 3d Regiment, Richard Bird, private, 4th Regiment, William Bird, private, of Elizabeth, and John Bird, private, of Somerset County, were all of New Jersey in 1776, 1777, and 1778. Only Peter Bird, private, is listed from Hunterdon County, and he is also named in "Jerseymen in the Revolution." What connection, if any, these may have with *Joseph Bird,* of whom further, has not been found.

(Records on file in the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, District of Columbia. W. S. Stryker: *Jerseymen in the Revolution,* p. 507. *Somerset County, New Jersey, Historical Quarterly,* Vol. IV, p. 157. Family records.)

THE AMERICAN ANCESTRY OF JOSEPHINE (BIRD) HALL

BISHOP

HOLMES


CROSS

SEYMOUR

HOME OF REV. JOHN BISHOP IN STAMFORD

ST. JOSEPH, MO. IN 1850, THE HOME OF WM. F. RIDENBAUGH

11 Samuel Holly, b. in Eng. betw. 1588-98; d. in Newtown, Mass. in 1643; m. Elizabeth –

11 Francis Holmes (Homes) of Stamford, Conn. d. between Sept. 6, 1671 & Feb. 14, 1675-6; m. Ann –

10 "Mr." John Holly, b. in Eng. abt. 1618; d. in Conn., May 25, 1681; m. Mary –, d. Apr. 7, 1714

10 Stephen Holmes, d. at Stamford, Conn., May 15, 1710, m. Martha –, d. Mar 13, 1727-28

10 Rev. John Bishop, b. in Eng. abt. 1610; d. in Stamford, Conn., in 1694; he was the first minister at Stamford; m. 1st Rebecca Goodyear, b. abt. 1626, dau. of Deputy Gov. Stephen & Mary Goodyear, & granddau. of Zachary & Susanna (Baxter) Goodyear

9 Elisha Holly, b. at Stamford, Conn., Mar. 6, 1658-9, d. there or at Augusta, Ga., Oct. 28, 1719 m. Dec. 2, 1686

9 Martha Holmes, d. Aug. 4, 1721

9 Stephen Bishop, d. at Stamford, Conn., Dec. 3, 1722-3; m. Mercy –, d. Apr. 5, 1735

8 Rebecca Bishop, b. at Stamford, Conn., Apr. 9, 1692; d. Nov. 23, 1757 m. Jan. 24 or 26, 1715-16

8 Elisha Holly, b. at Stamford, Conn. Nov. 10, 1687; d. May 14, 1752

7 Rebecca Holly, b. 1718; m. Dec. 29, 1743

10 William Cross, d. at Fairfield, Conn., in 1655, inventory of his estate being taken Sept. 7, 1655; in Pequot War in 1637; in 1644 he removed to Wethersfield from Windsor, later to Fairfield; m. Margaret

9 Nathaniel Cross, d. at Stamford, Conn., Oct. 28, 1714; m. 1st Abigail –

8 Hannah Cross, b. at Stamford, Conn., Feb. or July 23, 1687-88; d. Mar. 2, 1756 m. Nov. 30, 1710

7 Nathaniel Waterbury, b. at Stamford, Conn., May 2, 1717

12 "John Waterburye of Sudbury, sherman", admitted freeman of Sudbury June 17, 1588; buried at St Peter's Church, Sudbury, "the fyrst daye of September, 1596"

11 William Waterbury, bpt. at Sudbury, Eng., Mar. 12, 1593-94; came to New England on the "Arbella", flagship of the Winthrop Fleet, arriving off Salem, Mass., June 12, 1630; settled at Watertown, Mass., where he & his wife, Alice, joined the church

10 John Waterbury, bpt. at All Saints' Church, Sudbury, Co. Suffolk, England, Dec. 3 or 30, 1621; d. at Stamford, Conn., 5th mo. 31, 1658; m., abt. 1639-40, Rose Lockwood, prob. dau. of "Mr." Edmund Lockwood, who came to New England in the Winthrop Fleet in 1630 & d. at Cambridge, (Newtown) Mass., March 3, 1634-35

9 John Waterbury, b. at Stamford, Conn., abt. 1647-49, d. there Nov. 28, 1688; in K. Philip's War in 1676; m. Mary –

8 Lt. John Waterbury, b. at Stamford, Conn., Oct. 30, 1682; d. there 1744; in Col. wars;

10 Richard Seymour, bapt. at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, Eng., Jan. 27, 1604-05; d. at Norwalk, Conn., shortly after July 29, 1655; m., in England, Apr. 18, 1631, Mercy or Mercie Ruscoe, b. abt. 1610, dau. of Roger & Sarah Ruscoe

9 Thomas Seymour, baptized at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, Eng., July 15, 1632; d. at Norwalk, Conn., in 1712; m. 1st, at Norwalk, Jan., 1653-54, Hannah Marvin, dau. of Matthew Marvin, b. in Eng. 1600; d. in Norwalk, 1680

8 Matthew Seymour, b. at Norw'k, Conn., May, "one thowsande sixe hundred sixtie nine"; d. 1735; m. 2nd Sarah Hayes, b. Sept. 19, 1673; dau. of Samuel Hayes, b. 1640

7 Capt. Thomas Seymour, b. at Norwalk, Conn., about 1702; d. Apr. 11, 1795, "ae 94"; m. 2nd, before Apr. 10, 1748, Elizabeth, who d. at New Canaan, Conn., Aug. 23, 1794 "ae 70"

BIRD

6 Abigail Waterbury, b. at Stamford, Ct., April 15, 1746; d. before Dec. 21, 1815; m. (1st wife), Nov. 23, 1769

6 Ezra Seymour, b. at New Canaan, 1748; d. there Dec. 14, 1815; in American Rev.

4 Joseph Bird, b. Dec. 21, 1770; d. in Hunterdon Co., N.J.; m., May 29, 1796, Elizabeth Dilts, b. May 11, 1770; d. Aug. 11, 1853; d. of Harman Dilts, d. Apr. 20, 1824 ae 84, & his wife Christiana, d. May 8, 1825, ae "80 years, 2 months, 14 days"

5 Hannah Seymour, b. at New Canaan, Conn. Apr. 8, 1770; d. Nov. 9, 1850; m., Oct. 10, 1793, Anthony Creal, b. at New Canaan; d. Mar. 14, 1819

4 Henry Seymour Creal, b. Dec. 4, 1796; d. May 19, 1876; m., May 27, 1825, Theresa Rook, b. 1812; d. 1839

3 Wellington Bird, b. in N.J. Sept. 7, 1820; d. Feb. 26, 1881; m., Oct. 23, 1842, Margaretta Miller Emery, b. in N.J. Dec. 28, 1824; d. Mar. 12, 1871, d. of Peter & Ann (Rockerfeller) Emery of Hunterdon Co., N.J.

3 Hannah Creal, b. Mar. 23, 1829; d. Aug. 7, 1866; m., Dec. 22, 1847, William Fahnstock Ridenbaugh, b. in Pa., Feb. 19, 1821; d. at St. Joseph Mo., Oct. 18, 1874, son of Adam Ridenbaugh of Providence Township, Bedford Co., Pa., who d. Nov. 27, 1833

2 Joseph Taylor Bird, b. in N.J., July 4, 1848; d. Sept. 8, 1918; went to Kansas City 1868

2 Annie Creal Ridenbaugh, b. at St. Joseph, Mo., m. Apr. 24, 1858; d. at Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28, 1937

1 JOSEPHINE BIRD, b. April 4, 1889 at Kansas City, Mo.; m. April 18, 1928, Porter Thomas Hall

i Joseph Bird Hall, b. April 1, 1930

BIRD

I

JOSEPH BIRD, earliest ancestor found of record, was born December 21, 1770, died in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and was buried, as was his wife, in Bethlehem Presbyterian Churchyard, between Clinton and Pittstown, New Jersey.

The first record of him was his election to the town committee in 1822, and reëlection in 1825. In 1824 he received eighty dollars for his service as overseer of roads. The Federal Census for 1830, of Bethlehem Township lists him as follows:

Joseph Bird, head of family.
two males aged between 5-10.
three males " " 10-15.
two males " " 20-30.
one male " " 50-60.
three females " 15-20.
one female " " 40-50.
one female " " 50-60.

Joseph Bird married, May 29, 1796, Elizabeth Dilts, who was born May 11, 1770, and died August 11, 1853, according to the inscription on her tombstone, daughter of Harman Dilts, who died April 20, 1824, aged eighty-four, and his wife, Christiana, who died May 8, 1825, aged "80 years, 2 months, 14 days," according to their tombstone inscriptions in the Allerton Methodist Episcopal Churchyard between Flemington and Clinton, New Jersey.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dilts) Bird:

1. James, born March 6, 1797, died December 13, 1876; married Mary Runkle; child:
    i. Emily Adeline, married William S. Hulsizer; child:
        a. Abraham Chalmers Hulsizer, of Flemington, New Jersey; had in his possession this list of children.
2. Christiana, born August 23, 1798.
3. Mary, born October 10, 1799.
4. John, born April 16, 1801.

Wellington Bird

Margaretta Miller (Emery) Bird

5. Robert T., born August 25, 1802.
6. Joseph, born April 18, 1804.
7. Elizabeth J., born October 3, 1805, died in May, 1879.
8. Elisha, born March 25, 1807.
9. Wesley, born October 14, 1808.
10. Emily A., born September 6, 1810.
11. Susan, born July 4, 1812.
12. Celinda, born February 16, 1814.
13. William Whitfield, born December 21, 1815.
14. George Washington, born April 23, 1817.
15. Edward Hunt, born December 19, 1818.
16. *Wellington,* of whom further.
17. Benjamin Chew, born October 9, 1823, died September 3, 1884; married Sarah M. Bonnell.

(Family Bible records in possession of Abraham Chalmers Hulsizer of Flemington, New Jersey, a descendant. *Federal Census Records, 1830, Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey,* p. 397. Family records.)

II

WELLINGTON BIRD, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dilts) Bird, was born in Union Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, September 7, 1820, and died in Washington, Warren County, New Jersey, February 26, 1881. The Federal Census of Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, 1850, lists him as follows:

Wellington Bird,	farmer,	aged 29,	born N. J.,	Estate $10,000.
Margaret Bird	"	23,	"	"
Peter E. Bird	"	5,	"	"
George W. Bird	"	3,	"	"
Joseph Bird	"	1,	"	"
Mary F. Bird	"	1 month,	born N. J.	

The census also listed, on the same page, an older brother, John Bird, and a cousin, Harman Dilts.

Joseph P. Bird

Annie C. (Ridenbaugh) Bird

Wellington Bird married, October 23, 1842, Margaretta Miller Emery, daughter of Peter and Ann (Rockefeller) Emery. (Rockefeller V.)

Children:

1. Peter Emery, born August 16, 1844, died October 31, 1931.
2. George Washington, born August 2, 1846, died at the age of twenty-five.
3. *Joseph Taylor,* of whom further.
4. Mary Van Syckle, born April 19, 1851, died November 3, 1927; married, January 29, 1879, Henry Cummins.

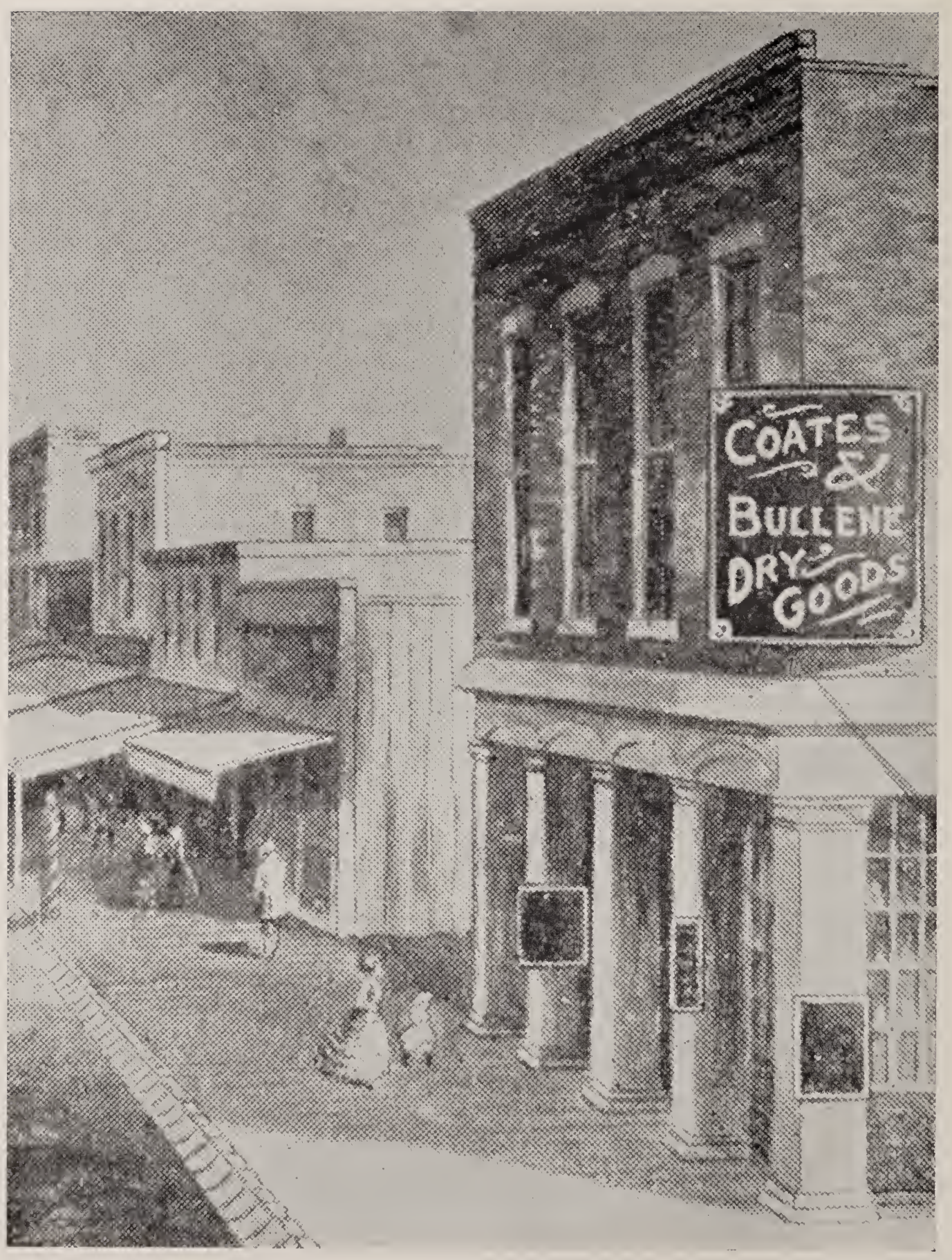
(*Federal Census Records, 1850, Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey,* p. 677. County Clerk's Office, Hunterdon County, New Jersey: *Marriage Records.* Family records.)

III

JOSEPH TAYLOR BIRD, son of Wellington and Margaretta (Emery) Bird, was born on the family farm in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, July 4, 1848, and died while on a visit to Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 8, 1918.

In his youth he became a clerk in the Clinton Township general store, and remained there until he was twenty years of age. In 1868, he joined his uncle, William E. Emery, who had become a member of the firm of Bullene & Brother, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1867. The business was owned by Lathrop and T. B. Bullene. Lathrop Bullene had purchased an interest in the business from William Gillis, who was a partner with Kersey Coates, they having taken it over in payment of a bad debt in the early sixties, when Kansas City, known as Westport-Landing, was merely a stopping place for Missouri River steamboats. This may be said to have been the beginning of the history of the mercantile institution of the Emery, Bird, Thayer Dry Goods Company. In 1870 L. T. Moore joined the firm and the name was changed to Bullene, Moore & Emery.

It was here that Joseph Taylor Bird began what developed into a great mercantile career. The business increased rapidly, larger quarters were needed and January 4, 1870, the firm moved to the southwest corner of Seventh, Main and Delaware streets. From this period the growth was phenomenal. Mr.



The Store in 1863 When it Was Coates & Bullene

Moore purchased the interest of Lathrop Bullene, and adjoining buildings were taken.

In 1875, Mr. Bird purchased a small interest in the firm and in 1881 became a full partner. He soon acquired a commanding influence in the affairs of the business and introduced new merchandising methods. He held to the theory that a satisfied customer was the best advertisement, that purchases, if resalable, could be returned on refund and he marked the price of all goods in plain figures, without misrepresentation. A study of the growth of the city at that time convinced him that the retail business center was destined to locate south and east of the establishment. He overcame the opposition of the other members of the firm and, in 1888, the new location was at Grand Avenue, Eleventh and Walnut streets. The erection of a new building began, and September 22, 1890, which coincided with the twenty-seventh anniversary of its organization, the firm moved into its new quarters. January 1, 1891, J. C. Fennell became a member of the firm.

Mr. Bird lived to see the new site, he had so wisely chosen, become the very heart of Kansas City's business district. Due to the sound progressive merchandising policies practiced by the firm, it was necessary to again enlarge the store to meet the needs of growing business and also to rent a warehouse.

December 6, 1894, T. B. Bullene died and this resulted in changing the firm name to Emery, Bird, Thayer and Company, and November 9, 1895, the firm was incorporated under the title Emery, Bird, Thayer Dry Goods Company. In January, 1901, L. T. Moore retired and C. C. Peters and R. L. Hawkins became stockholders. March 31, 1907, W. B. Thayer died, and R. L. Hawkins became treasurer. Mr. Bird, who was vice-president and general manager became president upon the death of Mr. Emery in 1912, J. C. Fennell became vice-president and C. C. Peters, secretary. These were the officers until 1918, when Mr. Bird died. C. C. Peters was president for two years. Mrs. Joseph T. Bird was president from 1920 to 1937. Assisting her were, Mr. Fennell, vice-president, Mr. Peters, secretary and Mr. Hawkins, treasurer. Mr. Fennell retired in 1928 and died in 1930. L. Fred Evans then became vice-president.

Emery Bird Thayer Company, 1942

After Mrs. Bird's death in 1937, her son-in-law, Porter T. Hall, who had joined the firm in 1929, became president.

By virtue of his vision and attainments, Mr. Bird became one of the country's outstanding dry goods merchants, building a great institution which for many years has served Kansas City and the Southwest. He knew every corner of the store, every detail of the business, and kept them under his direct supervision until his death. Each morning at nine o'clock he was to be found at his desk ready for the day's work, maintaining the habit of punctuality through fifty years of business life. His judgment was extraordinarily well grounded in practical experience and had at its service an unsurpassed knowledge of the larger aspects of business gained through much study and wide reading. Although he was a self-educated man, he was well educated. His library was one of the best in Kansas City and he drew frequently upon it not only to enlarge his grasp of business and economic conditions, but for the study of history and the delight which good books always brought him. His mind was well stored and possessed a rare analytical quality which enabled him to dissect and solve large problems with as much ease as he could smaller ones.

Quite apart from his important business interests, Mr. Bird's influence was long a wholesome and constructive force in Kansas City life. He had the greatest confidence in the city's future and a willingness to assume every obligation of good citizenship in working for its advancement. His generous support was promptly forthcoming when any useful civic project was under way and the prestige of his name was often a decisive factor in the success of these movements. He was equally liberal in his responses to charity and philanthropic causes. In personal contacts he was always considerate, and his associates knew him as a valued colleague and loyal friend. His personal tastes were simple and his diversions were mostly those associated with outdoor life. He was fond of horses, kept a stable of fine blooded riding horses, and for many years, each afternoon after the store closed, rode horseback.

When he reluctantly abandoned this, he regularly walked part of the distance from his home to the store for the exercise it afforded him. Mr. Bird also loved dogs and derived great pleasure from hunting. He was an expert shot and knew

"Elmhurst"
Broadway and Valentine Road, Kansas City, Missouri
Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor Bird

thoroughly the habits of wild game and where to bag it. Frequently he shot at the Cooley Lake Shooting Club in Clay County, of which he was a member. Mr. Bird was also a member of the Kansas City Country Club, the Blue Hills Club, the Kansas City Club, the Midday Club, the Kansas City Athletic Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He possessed a number of fine shotguns, two of which he had made while in Europe, and a remarkable collection of rare watches, accumulated during the course of years and containing one of almost every make in existence if it was out of the ordinary. His residence, "Elmhurst," at Broadway and Valentine Road, Kansas City, Missouri, was for years a landmark of the city, with its five spacious acres, lilac-bordered and dotted with flowers, presenting a vivid contrast to the encroaching business section. Mr. Bird purchased it in 1904 and lived in the dignified old mansion until his death. It remained the favorite home of his wife for a third of a century.

"Personally," an earlier biographer wrote of him, "Mr. Bird was one of the most gracious and delightful of men. His associates agree that they never heard him speak unkindly of anyone, and this trait was an index of his character. He was always kindly, always cheerful, always hopeful of the future. The interests of Kansas City were close to his heart. Nobody ever called at his office with a plan for the betterment of the city without receiving encouragement, and an appeal made for a contribution to a worthy cause always brought a gracious response. In the death of Mr. Bird, Kansas City lost not merely one of its foremost citizens but one of the strong forces that was vitally concerned in the upbuilding of a great city." The Joseph T. Bird Memorial Hall, erected just west of Mercy Hospital, to which he was a regular and generous subscriber all his life, bears a bronze tablet in testimony to the spirit of his philanthropy.

Joseph Taylor Bird married Annie Creal Ridenbaugh. (Ridenbaugh III.) Children:

1. Joseph Taylor, Jr., died in infancy.
2. *Josephine,* of whom further.

(*The Kansas City, Missouri, Times,* July 4, 1924. Family records.)

BIRD

IV

MRS. JOSEPHINE (BIRD) HALL, daughter of Joseph Taylor Bird and Annie Ridenbaugh Bird, was born April 4, 1889, in Kansas City, Missouri. The Bird home at that time was on the north side of 13th Street, between Broadway and Washington streets. This is just north of what now (1943) is Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, of which the Bird family later became members. Mrs. Hall's girlhood was spent in this neighborhood ("Quality Hill"). Their first move was to 706 West 10th Street, a large brick house with red stone trimmings, built by Ermine Case. The Bird family on leaving "the West Side" lived for a few years in the William McGraw Reid house at the northeast corner of 36th and Walnut. They then moved to their own home, "Elmhurst," at Valentine and Broadway. She lived here until her marriage to Porter T. Hall.

At the time of her death, March 18, 1943, she lived in their home, "Hill Side," at the northeast corner of 55th Street and State Line, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Her early education and through the high school was obtained at Miss Barstow's, a private school for girls, of which she was a graduate. She finished her school studies with two years at The Florentine School in Florence, Italy. She made her début at "Elmhurst," and for many years this house was the scene of many entertainments for both old and young. Her marriage took place at Elmhurst on April 18, 1928. Their son, Joseph Bird Hall, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 1, 1930.

In appearance, Mrs. Hall was tall and slender, prematurely grey, brown eyes and a fine natural coloring. At the time of her death a local paper said: "Mrs. Hall was a beautiful woman, one whose pulchritude increased with accumulation of years, impeccable in taste and the embodiment of that invisible thing which mysteriously imparts a gratifying significance to our mortal day." Her chief characteristics were modesty and generosity. Her many trips to Continental Europe, England and South America, coupled with what she learned from collecting stamps, gave her a profound knowledge of many countries and their governments. She loved and had an intelligent understanding of grand opera and

philharmonic music. She played well on the piano and sang in a sweet soprano. She spoke French and could read Italian. She preferred good prose and poetry. She had seen most of the world's best paintings, knew something of the artists and had a keen appreciation of their works. These and other accomplishments were known only to an intimate few who had kindred tastes.

Of her generosity, one of her friends wrote: "She gave me when we were young ladies together, many of the pleasures I otherwise would have missed." Several friends whose families had suffered financial reverses were given début parties as nice as her own, and more than one was married at "Elmhurst" in as nice style as if she had been the daughter of the house. She and her mother gave the Nurses Home to Mercy Hospital in memory of Mr. Bird, and she gave the Chimes and Singing Tower to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in memory of her mother. She also gave generously to all local charities and worthwhile projects as well as some of national scope. She had a great capacity for lasting friendships. She carried on correspondence with many friends in this country and abroad. She sent them presents on their birthdays and at Christmas. Some of them she had not seen for years, yet she was as fond of them as when she had seen them often. Apparently she inspired the same sentiment in them.

She was a member of the Colonial Dames, Junior League, Women's City Club, Kansas City Country Club, Kansas City Art Institute, Philharmonic Society.

Note—This book was practically finished at the time of her death.

Ridenbaugh

I

ADAM RIDENBAUGH, the earliest known ancestor of this family, died in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1833. The administrator of his estate, E. L. Anderson, secured a court order to sell the property of Adam Ridenbaugh, September 12, 1837, and made deeds to Jacob Barndollar for the two-story log house and tanyard; to Frederick Ridenbaugh for an improved lot in Bloody Run, and to George Smouse for a tract of woodland in Colerain Township. April 16, 1838, on the petition of Adam Ridenbaugh, Michael Barndollar, a brother of Jacob Barndollar, was appointed guardian of Alexander Ridenbaugh "a minor under age of fourteen, whose mother and father are both dead." William Compher was appointed guardian of William Ridenbaugh, "a minor, son of Adam Ridenbaugh, Dec.," above the age of fourteen years, by the Court of Common Pleas of Bedford County, comprising an Orphans' Court for the purpose.

Adam Ridenbaugh purchased by deed from Michael Barndollar, April 18, 1821, for the sum of $345, a tract of land at Bloody Run, later called Everett, Providence Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, the buildings thereon consisting of a log house and tanyard. He also bought other land of Philip Compher, son-in-law of Michael Barndollar.

The name of Adam Ridenbaugh's wife is not known. She died before April 16, 1838.

William Fahnstock Ridenbaugh

Hannah (Creal) Ridenbaugh

Children:

1. Adam.
2. *William Fahnstock,* of whom further.
3. Alexander, under fourteen years in 1838.

(*Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book,* Vol. N, pp. 65, 67, 68; Vol. S, p. 315. *Orphans' Court Docket, Bedford County, Pennsylvania,* Vol. V, pp. 279, 367. Watkins and Waterman: *History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania,* p. 414. *Bedford Gazette,* December 13, 1833.)

II

WILLIAM FAHNSTOCK RIDENBAUGH, son of Adam Ridenbaugh, was born in Everett, Providence Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1821, and died at St. Joseph, Missouri, October 18, 1874. He removed to St. Joseph in the spring of 1845, and in founding the "Gazette" became its pioneer newspaper publisher. He was very active in Democratic political circles; served as clerk of the Circuit Court from 1852 to 1864, and in 1870 was again appointed clerk and held this office until his death.

William Fahnstock Ridenbaugh married, at St. Joseph, Missouri, December 22, 1847, Hannah Creal. (Creal III.)

Children:

1. Vernon, born October 31, 1848, died February 11, 1887.
2. Mary Florence, born February 2, 1850, died June 24, 1931.
3. William Henry, born April 17, 1856, died August 17, 1922.
4. *Annie Creal,* of whom further.
5. Nellie Belle, born July 5, 1862, died February 12, 1893.
6. John Frederic, died June 15, 1915.

(C. L. Rutt: *The Daily News' History of Buchanan County and St. Joseph, Missouri,* p. 399. Family records.)

III

ANNIE CREAL RIDENBAUGH, daughter of William Fahnstock and Hannah (Creal) Ridenbaugh, was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, April 24, 1858,

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and died at Kansas City, Missouri, January 28, 1937. Her will, written in 1919, was probated February 9, 1937, and left her entire estate to her daughter, Josephine Bird Hall. As a mark of respect, at the time of her funeral, the store was closed and curtained. Upon the death of her husband, in 1918, she became president of the Emery, Bird, Thayer Dry Goods Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, and successfully directed its affairs until her death.

Annie Creal Ridenbaugh married Joseph Taylor Bird. (Bird III.)

(*Ibid. Kansas City, Missouri, Times,* issues of January 30, 1937, and February 10, 1937.)

Henry Seymour Creal

Theresa (Rook) Creal

Creal

I

ANTHONY CREAL, first of his family of whom there is record, was born at New Canaan, Connecticut, and died March 14, 1819.

He married, October 10, 1793, Hannah Seymour. (Seymour VI.)

Child:

1. *Henry Seymour,* of whom further.

(Hall: *History of Norwalk,* p. 293. D. A. R. National No. 93427.)

II

HENRY SEYMOUR CREAL, son of Anthony and Hannah (Seymour) Creal, was born December 4, 1796, and died May 19, 1876.

He married, May 27, 1825, Theresa Rook, who died in 1839.

Children:

1. Ogilla, born September 16, 1826.
2. *Hannah,* of whom further.
3. Brution, born November 23, 1832, died April 30, 1847.
4. Lewis Vernon, born October 14, 1834.
5. Joseph Henry, born November 18, 1836, died in October, 1837.
6. Lavina Theresa, born August 26, 1838, died August 29, 1920.

(*Ibid.* Family records.)

III

HANNAH CREAL, daughter of Henry Seymour and Theresa (Rook) Creal, was born March 23, 1829, and died August 7, 1866. She married William Fahnstock Ridenbaugh. (Ridenbaugh II.)

(C. L. Rutt: *The Daily News' History of Buchanan County and St. Joseph, Missouri,* p. 399. Family records.)

Seymour

SEYMOUR ARMS

Arms—Gules, two wings conjoined in lure tips downward or.
Crest—Out of a ducal coronet or, a phoenix in flames proper with wings expanded or.
Motto—Foy pour devoir.

(Matthews: *American Armoury and Blue Book.*)

Courtesy of New York Historical Society.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH,
CO. HERTS, ENGLAND

Sawbridgeworth, where Richard Seymour the Colonist, as well as his father and grandfather, lived, is a rural parish in Hertfordshire, on the border of Essex, less than fifteen miles from Chelmsford in Essex, where Rev. Thomas Hooker, founder of Hartford, Conn., preached for ten years, and about twenty-five miles northeast of London. The parish records, in addition to entries pertaining to earlier generations, show the marriage of Richard Seymour to Mercy Ruscoe and the baptism of their eldest son Thomas, later of Norwalk, Conn., who in 1712 sealed his will with a seal charged with two wings conjoined in lure, the paternal coat of the Seymours of Penhow. The ducal family of Somerset is derived from the Seymours of Penhow, and the Seymers of Dorset (the family of Richard the Chaplain) also used the two wings conjoined in lure.

Parish Church of Sawbridgeworth

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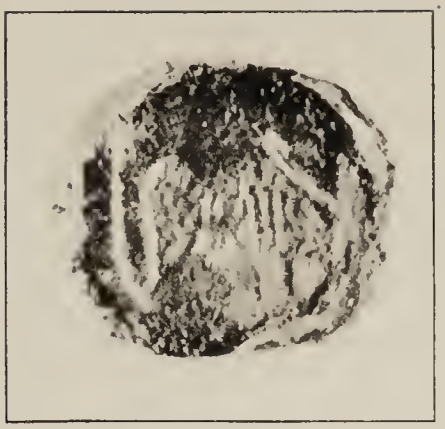

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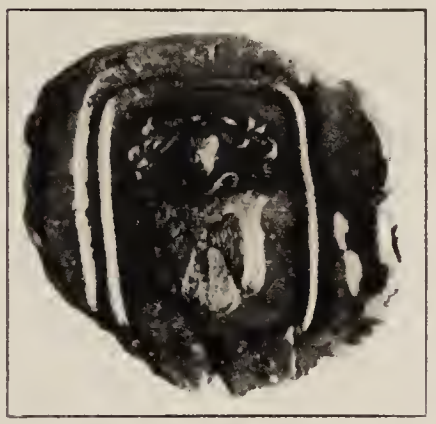


SEYMOUR SEALS

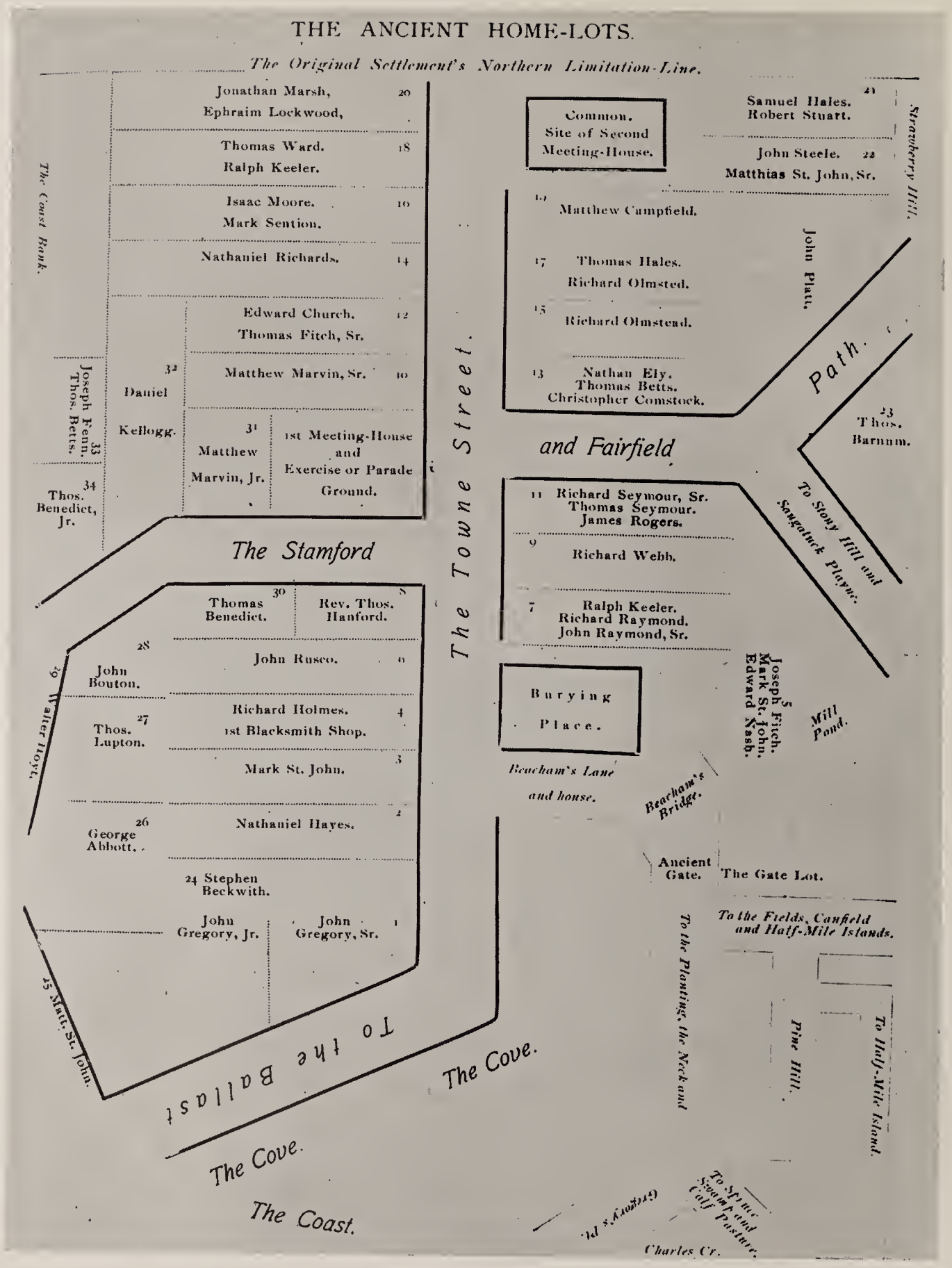
(A) Photograph (enlarged) made direct from the original seal used by Thomas Seymour (1632-1712) of Norwalk in executing his will in 1712;

(B) Drawing (enlarged) made direct from the original seal many years ago by the late William F. Hopson;

(C) Drawing (enlarged) of the seal used in executing his will by Thomas Seymour, Esq. (1705-1767) of Hartford, grand-nephew of Thomas of Norwalk (1632-1712);

(D) Photograph (enlarged) of an impression of the seal used as early as 1880 by Stephen Edward Fuller (born 1836), a great-great-grandson of Thomas Seymour, Esq. (1705-1767), of Hartford.

Seymour Seals



Map of Norwalk, Connecticut, Showing the Homelots of the Marvin and Seymour Families

Seymour

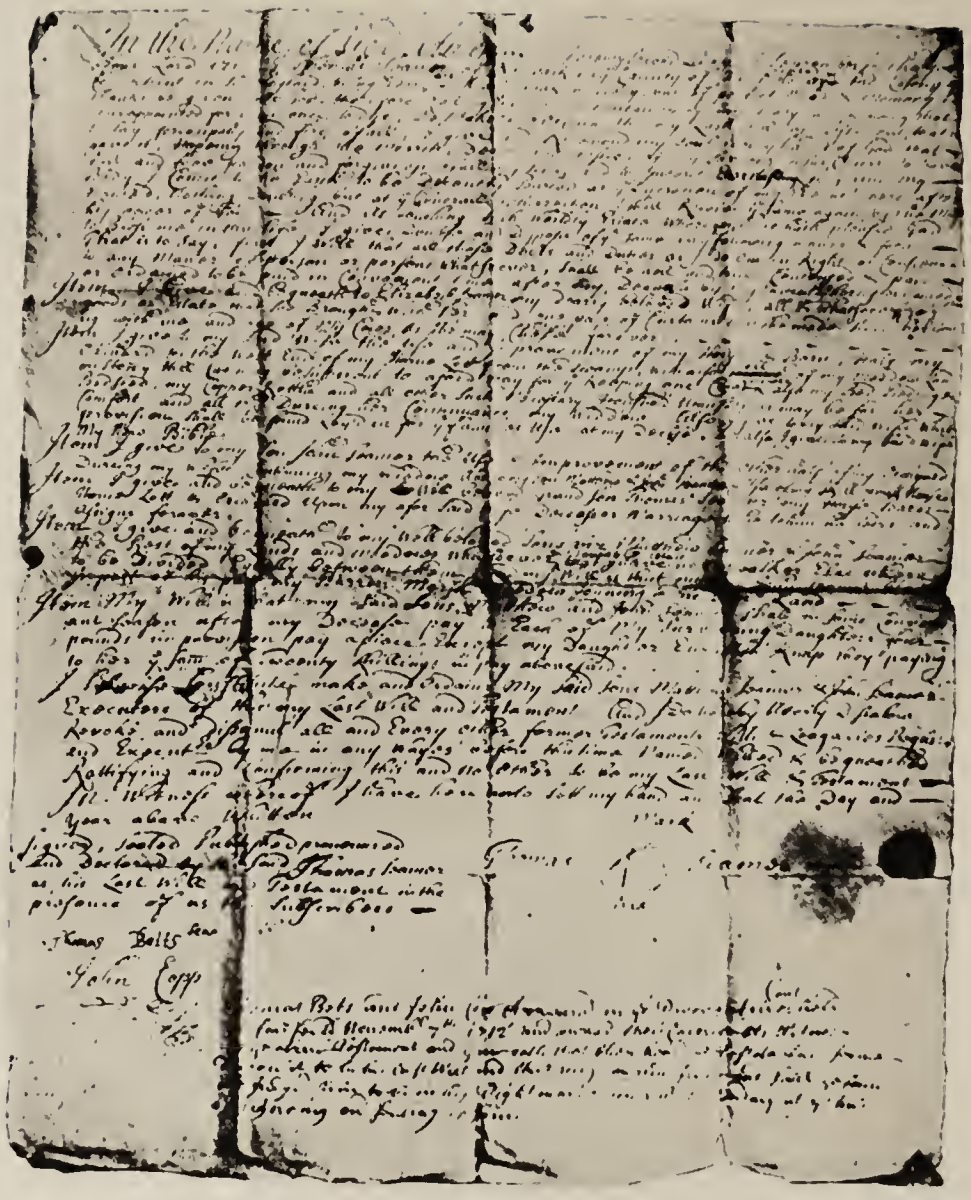
THE surname Seymour derives from St. Maur, a villa of Normandy, and many bearers are descendants of Roger de Sancto Mauro, who is believed to have reached England with William the Conqueror, or soon after. It is also said to come from Semer, a parish in County Suffolk, or from the Anglo-Saxon *seamere,* "a tailor," thus giving a local and an occupational source to the name.

(M. A. Lower: *Patronymica Britannica.*)

I

RICHARD SEYMOUR, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Waller) Seymour, was baptized at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, England, January 27, 1604-05. He left a will dated July 29, 1655, and died at Norwalk, Connecticut, "within the following three months." He was at Hartford, Connecticut, as early as 1639, but was not an original proprietor. He removed, in 1652, to Farmington and finally to Norwalk, Connecticut, where he signed the Ludlow Agreement June 19, 1650, and was made a selectman in 1655. He was assigned the "eleventh Home lot" and four acres "at the south-east angle of the Town Street and the highway to Fayerfield."

Richard Seymour married, at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, England, April 18, 1631, Mercy or Mercie Ruscoe, who was born about 1610, daughter of Roger and Sarah Ruscoe. Mercy (Ruscoe) Seymour outlived him, and married (second), November 25, 1655, John Steele, of Farmington, Connecticut. She was John Steele's second wife.



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THE WILL OF THOMAS SEYMOUR OF NORWALK (1632-1712)

This will, executed in 1712, shows a small, old seal charged with the wings of the Seymours of Penhow. The seal may be seen on the original will, now in the archives of the State Library at Hartford. It is signed "T.S.", drawn with a feeble hand. The seal, as now appears, is of brown wax and seems to have been made by the impression of an old and worn signet—probably a ring—brought to this country by Richard the Colonist, and used by his son, who was "Verry sick and Weak" at the time the will was executed. The original will of Richard Seymour, father of Thomas, has disappeared (we may consult only the record copy, damaged about two centuries ago), and it is not known whether he used this same seal in executing his will. No other use of this seal is known today. Prima facie, this seal connects Richard the Colonist and his son Thomas with the Seymours of Penhow, though the line connecting Richard's grandfather, John Seymour, with the Seymours of Penhow probably cannot now be traced.

Will of Thomas Seymour of Norwalk

Children:

1. *Thomas,* of whom further.
2. John, went to Farmington with his mother.
3. Richard, went to Farmington with his mother; was made a freeman in 1669; married Hannah Howlins, daughter of Anthony Howlins; children:
    i. Samuel.
    ii. Hannah.
    iii. Mercy, baptized January 14, 1683.
    iv. Ebenezer.
    v. Jonathan, baptized April 17, 1687.
4. Zachariah, died at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1702, "aged 60"; removed to Farmington with his mother; name of wife not known; children:
    i. Mary, born in 1689.
    ii. Elizabeth (twin), born in 1692.
    iii. Abigail (twin), born in 1692.
    iv. Ruth, born in 1699.

(James Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England.* Rev. C. M. Selleck: *History of Norwalk, Connecticut,* p. 153.)

II

THOMAS SEYMOUR, eldest son of Richard and Mercy or Mercie (Ruscoe) Seymour, was baptized at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, England, July 15, 1632, and died at Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1712. His will, dated September 22, 1712, and proved November 7, 1712, names wife, Elizabeth, son John, grandson Thomas "Seamer," sons Matthew, John and daughters. He inherited his father's estate at Norwalk, and was made a freeman there in 1668. In 1690 he was made a deputy to the General Court from Norwalk.

Thomas Seymour married (first), at Norwalk, January 5, 1653-54, Hannah Marvin. (Marvin—Family in America—II.) Thomas Seymour married (second), between 1690 and 1697, Elizabeth Wildman, widow of Thomas Wildman of Bedford.

Children of first marriage:

1. Hannah, born December 12, 1654.
2. Abigail, born in January, 1656.
3. Mary (twin), born in September, 1658.
4. Sarah (twin), born in September, 1658.
5. Thomas. born in September, 1660.
6. Mercy, born in November, 1666.
7. *Matthew,* of whom further.
8. Elizabeth, born in December, 1673.
9. Rebecca, born in January, 1676.

(James Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England.* D. L. Jacobus: *Old Families of Fairfield,* p. 536. MSS. folio at the Augmentation Office, London, England. Hall: *History of Norwalk,* p. 181.)

III

CAPTAIN MATTHEW SEYMOUR, son of Thomas and Hannah (Marvin) Seymour, was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, in May, "one thowsande sixe hundred sixtie nine," according to the Norwalk Vital Records, and died in 1735, between January 4, 1734-35, the date of his will, and its probate, January 6, 1735-36. In it he names wife, Catherine, sons, Matthew, Samuel, Thomas and daughters Ruth, Sarah, Catherine and Susanna. He served as deputy to the General Court for Norwalk in October, 1712, and October, 1713. He was made lieutenant of the North Company in May, 1710, and captain in October, 1729.

Matthew Seymour married (first), a daughter of Isaac Moore of Farmingham, and later of Norwalk. He married (second) Sarah Hayes, who was born September 19, 1673, daughter of Samuel Hayes, who was born in 1640.

Rev. C. M. Selleck, in his "History of Norwalk," prints the following Hayes Family Legend, "sent about 1894 by the Earl of Erroll, of Great Britain," viz:

Legend of the Battle of Loncartie, or the Origin of Hays.

In the reign of Kenneth III, the Danes having invaded Scotland about the year 980 with a great army were opposed by King Kenneth who gave them battle near Loncartie in Perthshire where the Scots were worsted and fled. In their flight through a narrow pass they were

met by a brave Scotsman and his two sons who stopt them and encouraged them to rally. The father and his sons having only such arms as their ploughs furnished them with, led back their countrymen, who returned to the charge. They renewed the fight, fell upon the Danes crying aloud, "Help is at hand." The Danes believing that a fresh army had fallen on them, soon gave way, whereby the Scots obtained a complete victory and freed their country from servitude. The battle being over, the old man (afterwards known by the name of Hay) was brought to the King, who gave him and his sons, as just reward, so much land on the side of the river Tay in the carse of Gonaril, as a falcon set off a man's hand should fly over before she settled. She flew over about six miles in length which was afterwards called Erroll, which property remained in the family until 1633 when it was sold in consequence of the extravagance of the tenth Earl. The King further prompted the old man and his sons to the order of the nobility and assigned them a coat of arms, viz: argent, three scutcheons, gules, to intimate that the father and the two sons had been the three fortunate shields of Scotland. Supporters: Two men in country habits, each holding an ox yoke over his shoulder. Crest: On a wreath a falcon proper. The property in Aberdeenshire now in the family was given by Robert Bruce about 1306. The mistletoe is the badge of the Hayes. Formerly there grew a large oak in the neighborhood of Erroll, which was full of this plant. A spray of this mistletoe cut by a Hay had certain charms and it was said "when the root of the oak hath perished, the grass should grow on the heath of Erroll, and a raven sit on the falcon's nest." The oak is gone and the estate lost to the family.

HAYES ARMS

Arms—Argent, three escutcheons gules.
Supporters—Two men in country habits, each holding an ox yoke over his shoulder.
Crest—On a wreath a falcon proper.
(Rev. C. M. Selleck: *History of Norwalk, Connecticut,* p. 86.)

Thomas Seymour married (third), after 1712, Catherine, whose surname is not known.

Children, exact order or by which marriage not known, except that "Thomas, son of Sarah Hayes was born about 1702."

1. Matthew.
2. Samuel.
3. *Thomas,* of whom further.
4. Daniel.
5. Hannah, married Mr. St. John.
6. Elizabeth, married Mr. Bouton.
7. Ruth, married Mr. Smith.
8. Sarah, married Mr. Bouton.
9. Catherine.
10. Susanna.

(D. L. Jacobus: *Old Families of Fairfield,* p. 537. Rev. C. M. Selleck: *History of Norwalk, Connecticut,* p. 86.)

IV

CAPTAIN THOMAS SEYMOUR, son of Captain Matthew and Sarah (Hayes) Seymour, was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, about 1702 and died April 11, 1795, "aged 94." He became a land owner at New Canaan, then known as Canaan Parish, when still a young man. March 30, 1728, a deed was recorded to Thomas Seymour for two and one-half acres at White Oak Shade on Five Mile River. December 15, 1733, Matthew Seymour deeded to his sons Samuel and Thomas Seymour eighteen acres on both sides of Five Mile River. Captain Thomas Seymour acquired much acreage at White Oak Shade, in New Canaan, buying forty acres from Justus Bush of New York City; twenty acres from Jacob Green of Norwalk, December 6, 1737; four acres from Jacob Green, October 6, 1744; and twenty acres with house and barn from Zophar Wood, June 14, 1748. Thomas Seymour was always known as captain, so he evidently held this rank in the militia. On the list of founders of the Congregational Church at New Canaan, June 20, 1733, Thomas Seymour is fifth and his wife sixth, reading "born c. 1695, son of Matthew and great-grandson of Richard of Norwalk," settler of 1650, a signer of the Indian deed to Roger Ludlow. Their names also appear on a list in 1772.

SEYMOUR

Captain Thomas Seymour married (first) before August 18, 1727, Elizabeth Betts, who was born at Norwalk, October 23, 1699, died before 1748, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Marvin) Betts, and granddaughter of Thomas Betts. He married (second), before April 10, 1748, Elizabeth, who died at New Canaan, August 23, 1794, "aged 70." She was received into the church at New Canaan, April 10, 1748.

Children of first marriage:

1. Matthew, living probably at Salem, Westchester County, New York, in 1790, died at Butternuts, New York; married, at New Canaan, Connecticut, February 28, 1758, Dinah Bouton.
2. Ebenezer, born May 16, 1729, died at Poundridge, New York, January 18, 1821; married Ruth Scribner.
3. Thomas, baptized August 29, 1736, his family was living at Ballston, New York, in 1790; married, at New Canaan, November 24, 1761, Sarah Westcott, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Trowbridge) Westcott.

Children of second marriage, baptized in New Canaan Parish:

4. *Ezra,* of whom further.
5. Betty, baptized August 4, 1751, died May 13, 1795; married, May 21, 1772, Moses Comstock, son of Moses and Elizabeth (St. John) Comstock.
6. Elizabeth, baptized May 25, 1755, probably the Elizabeth Seymour who married, at New Canaan, June 15, 1790, Matthew Fitch.
7. Nathaniel, born January 28, 1757, baptized April 10, 1757, died at Greenfield, New York, September 12, 1846; married (first), at New Canaan, March 15, 1784, Mercy Carter, daughter of John and Hannah (Benedict) Carter; (second) Marian Dickson.
8. Abigail, baptized January 25, 1762; married, January 24, 1782, Thaddeus Husted, son of Peter and Anne (Seymour) Husted.
9. Hezekiah, baptized January 22, 1764, removed to Greenfield, New York, about 1796-97; married, at Salem, New York, October 27, 1791, Grace Hays.

(*Vital Records of Norwalk, Connecticut. Vital Records of New Canaan, Connecticut. New Canaan, Connecticut, Deeds,* recorded at Norwalk, Connecti-

cut, Vol. B, pp. 141, 231, 298, 411, 486. G. D. Seymour and D. L. Jacobus: *A History of the Seymour Family,* pp. 62-63, 100-05.)

V

EZRA SEYMOUR, son of Captain Thomas and Elizabeth Seymour, was born at New Canaan, Connecticut, in 1748, baptized June 19, 1748, and died there December 14, 1815, "aged 67." He left a will dated November 30, 1815, and probated December 18, 1815, a résumé of which follows:

> To wife Sarah one third of his possessions . . . . Bequests to her daughter Sally Hanford and to his own children: daughter, Abigail Seymour, children of deceased daughter, Levina Belden and Azor Belden, daughter, Sibel Wheeler, son Ezra, Jr., son, Henry and daughter Hannah Creal, wife of Anthony Creal, daughter Betty Comstock late wife of Nathan S. Comstock, deceased, daughter Nancy Gregory, wife of Matthew F. Gregory, daughter Rebecca Ayers, wife of Frederick Ayers, and Holly Seymour to be sole executor.
>
> Witnesses: Samuel St. John, Thadus Husted,
> William Barraclough.

February 19, 1773, Ezra Seymour received by deed from his father, one acre in the Parish of Canaan, at White Oak Shade, "at the east side of my homestead lot," with one-half of his dwelling, and again, February 6, 1784, eleven acres adjoining and one-third of Ledge Meadow at Barren Marsh.

Ezra Seymour served as a soldier in Captain Reuben Scofield's Company, 9th Regiment, Connecticut Militia, commanded by Colonel John Mead, during the Revolutionary War. His rank does not appear, but his name is on a company pay roll dated at Horse Neck, August 9, 1779, and on an abstract of the company dated January, 1781.

At the time of Ezra Seymour's death the estate of his first wife had not yet been settled and Holly Seymour was appointed administrator. Her estate was inventoried at $1,260, and the same heirs as appeared in the will of Ezra Seymour are named in the distribution, except Sally Hanford and her mother. To

Hannah, wife of Anthony Creal, was awarded "two acres of land . . . . encumbered with a driftway, 18 feet wide, reckoned at $124.50."

Ezra Seymour married (first), at New Canaan, Connecticut, November 23, 1769, Abigail Waterbury. (Waterbury VII.) Ezra Seymour married (second) Sarah Hanford, a widow.

Children, all of first marriage, recorded at Norwalk, Connecticut:

1. *Hannah,* of whom further.
2. Ezra, born December 16, 1771, died in 1841, unmarried, leaving his goods to St. Mark's Church, New Canaan.
3. Henry, born December 25, 1773, died at Victor, New York, August 15, 1836; married, November 28, 1799, Mary Benedict, daughter of Caleb and Deborah (St. John) Benedict.
4. Betty, born May 25, 1776, died at New Canaan, May 9, 1812; married, October 21, 1802, Nathan Selleck Comstock, son of Thomas and Phebe (Selleck) Comstock; married (second) Susanna Lockwood.
5. Abigail, born September 23, 1778, was living in 1839, unmarried.
6. Nancy, born March 10, 1781, living at Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York, in 1818; married, at Norwalk, October 23, 1800, Matthew Fitch Gregory, son of Elias and Elizabeth (Gregory) Gregory.
7. Rebecca, born February 24, 1783; married Frederick Ayres, son of Jonathan and Deborah (Scofield) Ayres.
8. Levina, born April 30, 1785; married, June 23, 1803, Azor Belden.
9. Holly, born May 22, 1787, died at New Canaan, December 6, 1833; married Lucretia Hanford.
10. Sybil, born November 18, 1790, was living at Ballston, New York, in 1818; married William Wheeler.

(G. D. Seymour and D. L. Jacobus: *A History of the Seymour Family,* pp. 102-04. Hall: *History of Norwalk,* p. 293. *Stamford Marriage Registrations,* p. 117. *Records of New Canaan Congregational Church. New Canaan, Connecticut, Deeds,* recorded at Norwalk, Connecticut, Vol. C, pp. 380, 561. *New Canaan Church Records. Norwalk, Connecticut, Probate Records.* Records on file in the Office of the Adjutant-General, Washington, District of Columbia.)

VI

HANNAH SEYMOUR, daughter of Ezra and Abigail (Waterbury) Seymour, was born at New Canaan, Connecticut, April 8, 1770, and died November 9, 1850.

She married Anthony Creal. (Creal I.)

(Hall: *History of Norwalk,* p. 293. D. A. R. Lineage Papers, National No. 93427.)

Grabmal.

des Grafen Warmund von Wasserburg † 1010,

in St. Emeram zu Regensburg.

Grave Marker of Count Warmund Von Wasserburg—A. D. 1010 in Church of St. Emmeram at Regensburg, Bavaria

Waterbury

THE Waterbury family, mentioned in the records of County Suffolk, England, from about 1550, is thought to have been German in origin, possibly deriving from the Bavarian Counts von Wasserburg or von Wazzarburg. The surname, meaning "water mountain," appeared in England first as Waterburg. The Counts von Wasserburg were seated from the eleventh century in the city of Regensburg, then known as Ratisbon, where they had supervision over the commerce on the Danube and over the salt makers of the region. The last count of the line, Konrad, incurred the displeasure of the Emperor Frederick II by his loyalty to the Pope, and as a consequence his castle, built on a high hill overlooking the river, was besieged by Ludwig, Duke of Bavaria, in 1247. The siege lasted for 119 days before the castle fell and Konrad fled for his life. Members of the family then scattered in various directions, some going to Australia, where the name is still found, and others to Antwerp, Belgium, where the name appears as *Wassenbergh* and *Wattenbergh.*

In the latter part of the fourteenth century Edward III brought to England from Antwerp and its environs a number of "Dutchman" who were cloth-makers, and settled them in Sudbury, County Suffolk, and other coastal towns to instruct the English in the art of cloth-making, as prior to that time England had been dependent upon importation of cloth. To this day Sudbury has remained a cloth-making center of England. "It is possible that among these cloth-makers brought in by the English king were the descendants of some of the Wasserburgs, who had fled to the Netherlands after the loss of their ancestral estates in Bavaria,

St. Peter's Church, Sudbury, England

and there in a reduced state of fortune, became cloth-makers . . . . If the Waterburys early resident in Sudbury were not descendants of the cloth-makers brought to England by Edward III, they had at least mastered and adopted the trades of the latter. As it was a very common practice in the England of that day for the son to adopt the means of livelihood of his father, it is not at all improbable that these Waterbury cloth-makers were lineal descendants of Belgian Wasserburg cloth-makers." Cloth-dressing, wool-carding and felt-making have continued to this day to be among the occupations followed by members of the family in America.

(G. A. Waterbury and E. M. Waterbury: *Jonathan Waterbury Genealogy,* pp. 1-12. A. Welles: *American Family Antiquity: Genealogy of the Waterbury Family in America,* p. 167.)

I

JOHN (1) WATERBURY, as "John Waterburye of Sudbury, England, sherman (cloth-maker or weaver)," was admitted a freeman of the town June 17, 1588, and had perhaps come there only recently from some other locality. His burial is recorded thus in the records of Saint Peter's Church, Sudbury: "John Austen alias John Waterburye was buryed the fyrst daye of September, 1595." It is not known how he came to be called "Austen." In a list taken by the clerk of the market of the weights and measures of those trading in the town, August 20, 1590, John Waterburye appears with the comment: "Wayghts good." He was a juror in 1591, 1593 and 1594, and as John Waterburie was taxed 7d. July 20, 1592, in an assessment for the bill of costs of £15 of Thomas Godfrey, allowed in the Duchy Court of Lancaster.

Children:

1. Elizabeth, baptized at Saint Peter's, Sudbury, October 10, 1585.
2. (probably) John, juror in Sudbury in 1634; married there, November 14, 1614, Anne Shelton.
3. *William,* of whom further.

(G. A. Waterbury and E. M. Waterbury: *Jonathan Waterbury Genealogy,* pp. 1-12.)

Yarmouth Castle, Isle of Wight, Circa 1630

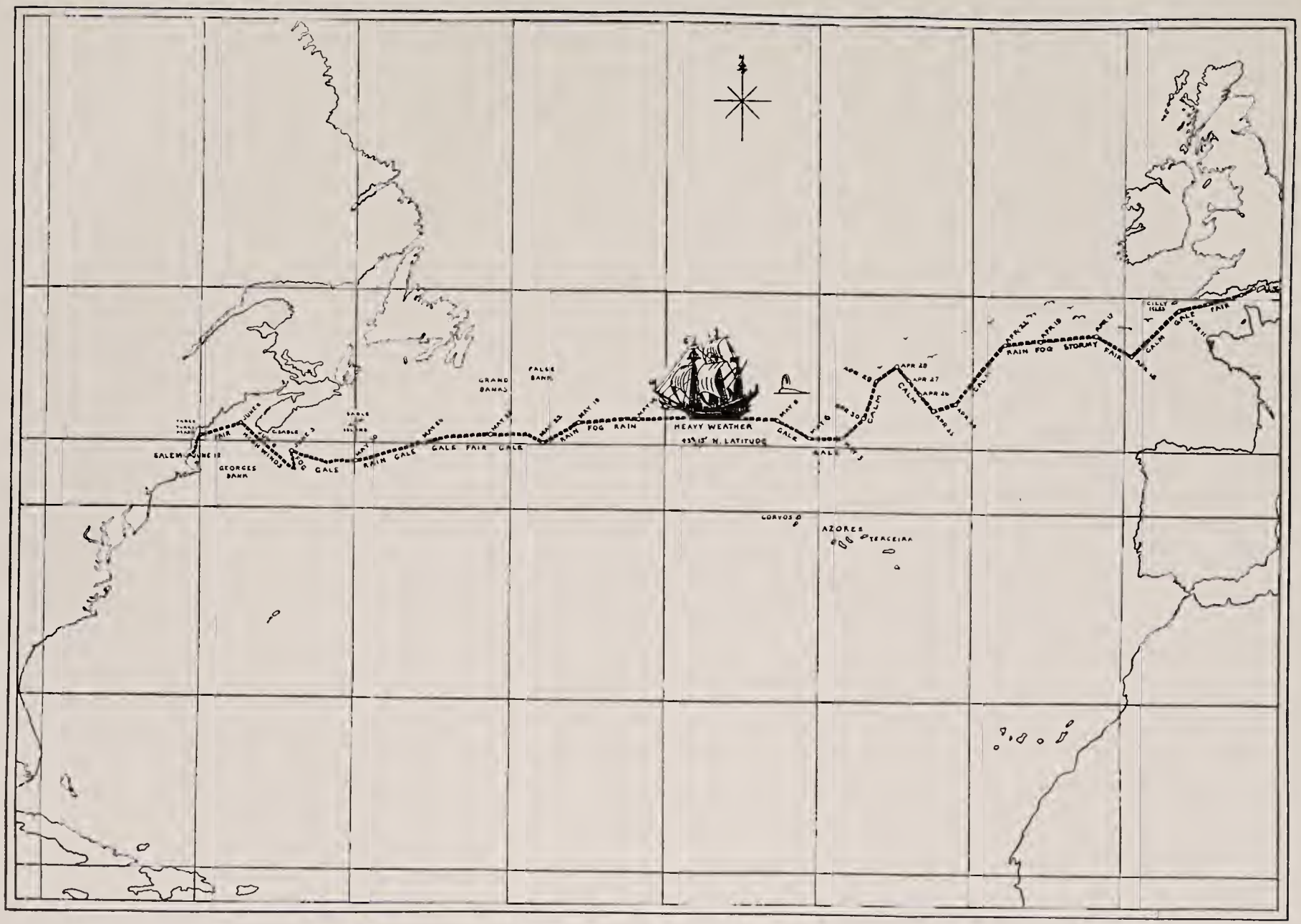
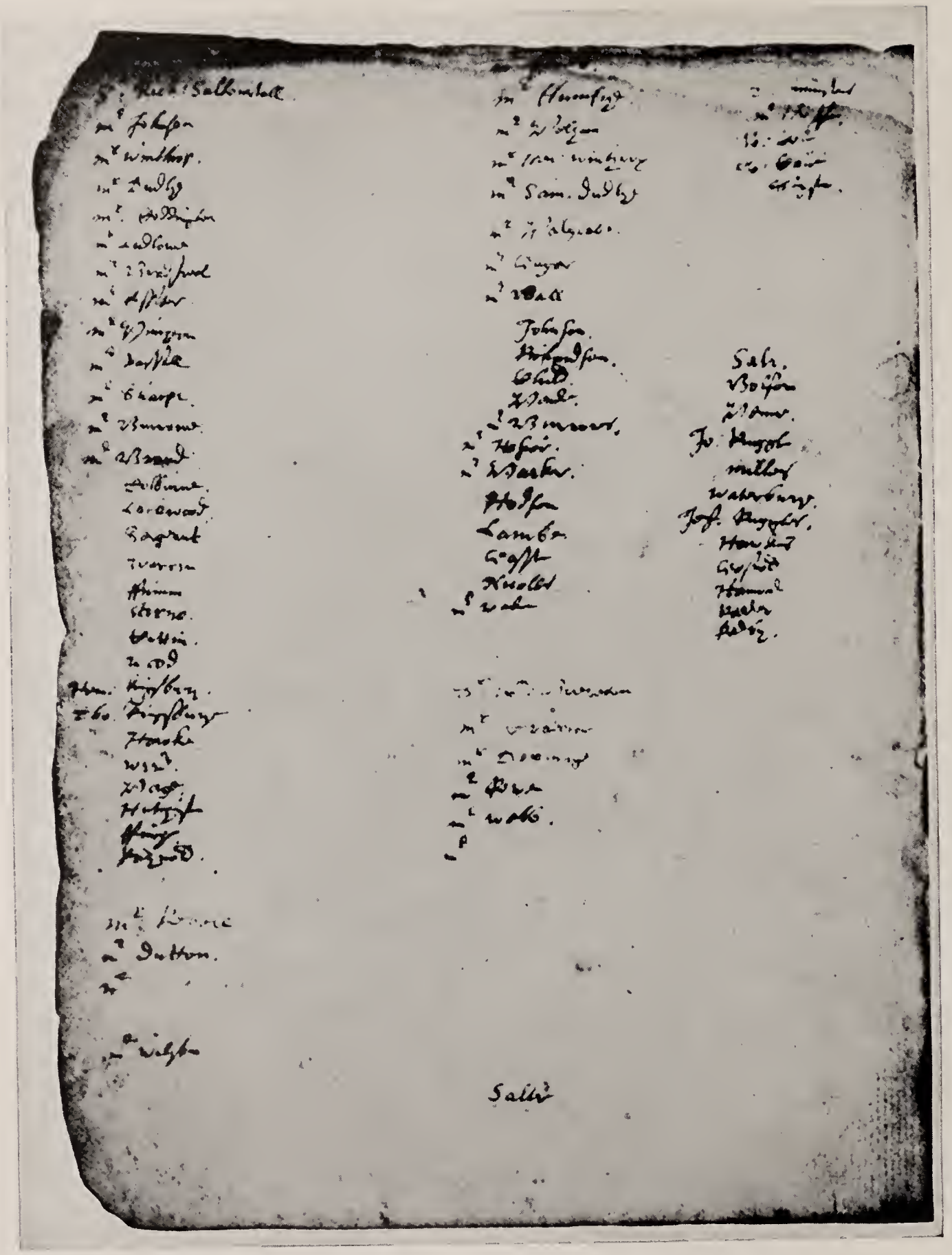


Chart of the Course of the "Arbella"



"Arbella" Passenger List from Flyleaf of Winthrop's Journal

"ARBELLA" PASSENGER LIST* FROM FLYLEAF OF WINTHROP'S JOURNAL

S: Rich: Saltonstall
Mr Johnson
Mr Winthrop
Mr Dudlye
Mr Coddington
Mr Ludlowe
Mr Bradford
Mr
Mr
Mr Durkee
Mr Sharpe
Mr Burrowe
Mr Brand
Colburne
Lockwood
Sargeant
Warren
Primm
Sterne
Coffin
Wood
Hen: Kingsbury
Tho. Kingsbury
Harke
Weed
Page
Hutchinson
Spring

Mr Revell
Mr Dutton
Mr
Mr Wilson

Mr Humfrye
Mr
Mr Hen Winthrop
Mr Sam Dudlye
Mr Wolgrat
Mr Guyer
Mr Ball
Johnson
Richardson
Child
Powle
Mr Binner
Mr Hosier
Mr Parke
Hodson
Lambe

Husted

Mr Wade

Sr Wm Brewster
Mr Cranson
Mr Dowinge
Mr Rewe
Mr Webb
Mr

Salter

Mr Phipps

Cone

Sale
Bolson
Wenne
Jo: Ruggle
Miller
Waterbury
Jef. Ruggles
Howland

Hammond
Polley
Kelsey

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* Partial, through illegibility

II

WILLIAM WATERBURY, son of John (1) Waterbury, was baptized, according to the register of Saint Peter's Church, Sudbury, County Suffolk, England, March 12, 1593-94, as "Wm the sonne of John Waterbery." He was a cloth dresser, and the following records appear in the "Muniments of the Borough Court of Sudbury":

1610, October 1, William Waterbury of Sudbury, saymaker, gave bonds for Thomas Bettes of Sudbury, weaver.
1619, October 16, William Waterberrye of Sudbury a supervisor of commons.
1620, September 20, William Waterberrye of Sudbury presented at the sessions of the peace.
1621, January 2, William Waterberye, juror.
1621, October 20, William Waterbury supervisor of commons.
1624, October 4, Wm. Waterberry elected food inspector.

On two occasions his trade seems to have brought him into conflict with the law: January 1, 1622, "William Waterberye, weaver, of Sudbury, (was) prsented for practicing the trade or mistery of a clothier in making of woolen cloth called 'says' without being educated in or apprenticed to that trade," and October 21, 1623, "William Waterberry of Sudbury (was) presented and fined 6d. for having his measure called his yard deficient in length." As he was a devout Puritan, it is possible that these charges were for the purpose of religious persecution, and may explain why his name appears in the list of persons who agreed in February, 1629-30, to sail from England in the following April for New England in the "Winthrop Fleet." As Sudbury was only five or six miles distant from Groton, the English home of Governor John Winthrop, and was the market-town for Groton, as well as the principal meeting place of the gentlemen and farmers of southwestern Suffolk, it is not surprising that William Waterbury became interested in the plans of the Massachusetts Bay Company. He is said to have sailed with his wife and son, John, aboard the *Arbella,* the flagship of the fleet, which sailed from Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, April 8, 1630, and arrived off Salem, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1630. In August, many of

Hurst Castle, Hampshire, With the Winthrop Fleet Sailing Through the Needles Passage,
April 8, 1630

All Saints' Church, Sudbury, England

the Winthrop company founded Watertown under the leadership of Sir Richard Saltonstall, and the names of William Waterbury and his wife Alice appear as the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth members to unite with the Watertown Church. No further record of them appears in America, and it is believed that they returned to England, possibly intending to bring their younger children to Massachusetts, and died there unexpectedly, or were, perhaps, lost at sea. The only one of their children recorded in this country is John, and it is not known whether any of the others left England.

William Waterbury married Alice, who is said to have been a native of Lincolnshire.

Children, baptized at All Saints' Church, Sudbury:

1. Rachel, baptized July 25, 1619.
2. *John* (*2*), of whom further.
3. Mary, baptized February 29, 1623-24.
4. William, baptized February 26, 1625-26, died October 15, 1626.
5. William (again) baptized August 9, 1627.
6. Samuel, baptized September 20, 1629.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 7-12, 28-30, 112-14. C. A. Hoppin: *The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families,* Vol. III, pp. 479-80, as prepared for Edward Lee McClain of Greenfield, Ohio. C. H. Pope: *The Pioneers of Massachusetts,* p. 481. E. French: *Genealogical Research in England* in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. LXIV, pp. 135-36; Vol. LXVI, pp. 177-78.)

III

JOHN (2) WATERBURY, son of William and Alice Waterbury, was baptized at All Saints' Church, Sudbury, County Suffolk, England, December 3 or 30, 1621, and died intestate at Stamford, Connecticut, 5th mo. 31, 1658, aged thirty-six years, seven months, three days. In his inventory, housing and lands were valued at £80, live stock at £78, and personal property at £383 1s. He is described as "inn holder" of Watertown about 1639, and owned land there (possibly inherited from his father) before 1646, October 15th, of which year he sold a house and eight acres to Robert Pierce of Watertown. He removed to the

New Haven colony, settling first at Wethersfield, but soon afterwards, perhaps because of a quarrel in the Wethersfield Church, went to Stamford, where he was one of the first settlers. He held a house and thirty-four and one-half acres of land there in February, 1650-51, and the next month part of his land is referred to as adjoining that of Richard Schofield. He prized the property left by Vincent Simpkins in November, 1653, and in 1657 was elected a deputy for Stamford to the General Court of the New Haven Colony. In that year he was summoned as a deputy marshal by the Marshal of Stamford, Daniel Schofield, to assist in the expulsion of a Quaker and in the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crabb for harboring the Quaker.

John (2) Waterbury married, about 1639-40, Rose Lockwood, whose parentage has not been definitely ascertained, but who was probably a daughter of "Mr." Edmund Lockwood, of Combs, County Suffolk, England, who came to New England with his brother Robert in the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, and died at Cambridge (Newtown), Massachusetts, March 3, 1634-35; his name is recorded in a list of the founders of Newtown, preceded only by the names of the Deputy Governor, Thomas Dudley, and the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Symon Bradstreet. She married (second), May 11, 1659, Joseph Garnsey, and died, probably, shortly before February 12, 1684-85, when Joseph Garnsey turned over to her sons, Jonathan and David Waterbury, what these sons acknowledged as "our portions of our father, John Wa*tt*erb*e*ry his estate of Joseph Garnsey."

Children:

1. Rachel, born at Watertown about 1639-40; married, March 11, May 3 or May 12, 1659, John Holmes. (Holmes I, Child 1.)
2. Sarah, born at Watertown about 1646; married (first), at Stamford, May 10, 1666, Zachariah Dibble, from whom she was divorced; (second) Nicholas Webster of Stamford.
3. *John (3)*, of whom further.
4. Lt. David, born at Stamford about 1651-54, died there November 20, 1706; married (first) Hannah Newman, daughter of William Newman; (second), August 11, 1698, Sarah Weed.

(G. A. Waterbury and E. M. Waterbury: *Jonathan Waterbury Genealogy,* pp. 30-33, 113-37. A. Welles: *American Family Antiquity; Genealogy of the*

Waterbury Family in America, pp. 167-60. E. N. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* p. 116. C. A. Hoppin: *The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families,* Vol. III, pp. 480-83, as prepared for Edward Lee McClain of Greenfield, Ohio. D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, p. 291. C. E. Banks: *Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England, 1620-1650,* p. 152.)

IV

JOHN (3) WATERBURY, son of John (2) and Rose (Lockwood) Waterbury, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, about 1647-49, and died November 28, 1688. His will proved December 11, 1688, names his wife Mary and their minor children, appoints his brothers Jonathan and David "overseers" of the children until they shall come of age and bequeaths his "now dwelling house and orchard" to his wife with reversion to his sons and daughter. The following deed occurs in the Stamford Land Records:

> Witness these presents y^{t} wee whose names are under written doe fully asign & make over unto our father-in-law (i.e. stepfather) Joseph Garnsy of Staford all our right title & interest in y^{t} parcel of Meadow ground in rocky-neck so called which our father Jno Waterbery deceased bought of Mr. Law of Stamford . . . . it is now in y^{e} possession of Jno Mills of Stamford. Wee say our right title & interest in y^{e} aforsaid parcell of Meadow . . . . we do hereby alinate asign & fully make over from us & ours unto y^{e} foresaid Joseph Garnsy & his for ever . . . . wee having received full satisfaction for y^{e} same, binding ourselves & ours not to trouble or molest our father-in-law Joseph Garnsy or hi . . . . about y^{e} premises. In witness of truth we have caused this Deed to be made & hereto set our hands in Stamford this third day of July Anno Domini: one thousand six hundred, seventy and four.
>
> (Signed)
>
> Witnesses:
> Francis Bell
> Jonathan Bell
>
> John Waterbury
> Jonathan Waterbury
> David Waterbury

This above written deed acknowledged by y^{e} grantors this 15-12 ^{mo} 1676 before me John Holly (town clerk).

John Waterbury served in King Philip's War in 1676, and with his brother David was one of nineteen soldiers of Stamford rewarded for their services by grant of a houselot from the town in that year. He served as town clerk of Stamford from 1683 to 1688.

John (3) Waterbury married, Mary, whose surname is not known.

Children:

1. Mary, born March 20, 1679; married, February 4, 1700, Jonathan Slasson, son of John Slasson of Stamford.
2. *John (4)*, of whom further.
3. David, born at Stamford, January 24, 1684, died there June 14, 1710; married, April 10, 1707, Waitstill Green, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Green of Stamford; she married (second), June 4, 1713, Stephen Bishop.
4. Thomas, born at Stamford, May 12, 1687, died there July 18, 1758; married (first), April 26, 1716, Elizabeth Holly, (Holly III, child 4); (second), in 1730, Elizabeth, who died September 20, 1731; (third), in 1731, Hannah.

(G. A. Waterbury and E. M. Waterbury: *Jonathan Waterbury Genealogy*, pp. 115, 120. A. Welles: *American Family Antiquity: Genealogy of the Waterbury Family in America*, pp. 168-69, 170-71. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths*, p. 116. C. A. Hoppin: *The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families*, Vol. III, pp. 483-85, as prepared for Edward Lee McClain of Greenfield, Ohio.)

V

LIEUTENANT JOHN (4) WATERBURY, son of John (3) and Mary Waterbury, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, October 30, 1682, and died there May 22 or 28, 1744. He gained his military title serving with the Connecticut militia in the Colonial wars.

He married (first), January 16, 1707, Sarah Holmes. (Holmes II, Child 7.) He married (second), November 30, 1710, Hannah Cross. (Cross III.)

Children of first marriage:

1. John, born at Noroton, Connecticut, December 17, 1707, died there January 28, 1707-08.
2. Sarah, born July 26, 1709.

Children of second marriage:

3. John (again), born December 5, 1711.
4. *Nathaniel,* of whom further.

(G. A. Waterbury and E. M. Waterbury: *Jonathan Waterbury Genealogy,* pp. 119-20. A. Welles: *American Family Antiquity: Genealogy of the Waterbury Family in America,* pp. 172, 180. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* pp. 116, 117. D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, p. 292.)

VI

NATHANIEL WATERBURY, son of Lieutenant John (4) and Hannah (Cross) Waterbury, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, May 2, 1717. He married, December 29, 1743, Rebecca Holly. (Holly V.)

Children, all born at Stamford:

1. Abigail, born November 15, 1744, died October 9, 1745.
2. *Abigail* (again), of whom further.
3. John, born March 10, 1749-50.
4. Rebecca, born January 26 or 27, 1752.
5. Elizabeth, born September 29, 1754.
6. Nathaniel, born December 19, 1756; married, at Stamford, January 1, 1784, Hannah Webb.

(A. Welles: *American Family Antiquity: Genealogy of the Waterbury Family in America,* pp. 179, 186. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* pp. 116, 117, 118. C. M. Holly: *Record of the Holly Family in America,* pp. 61.)

VII

ABIGAIL WATERBURY, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Holly) Waterbury, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, April 15, 1746, and died before December 21, 1815, when administration upon the estate of Abigail Seymour, late of New Canaan, deceased, was granted to Holly Seymour of New Canaan. February 9, 1816, division was ordered of the estate of Abigail Seymour, late wife of Ezra Seymour.

She married, as his first wife, Ezra Seymour. (Seymour V.)

(*Ibid.* G. D. Seymour and D. L. Jacobus: *A History of the Seymour Family,* pp. 102-03.)

Holly

I

SAMUEL HOLLY, the American ancestor, was born in England between 1588 and 1598, and died "in y^e^ bounds of Cambridge" or Newtown in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, between October 22d and December 5, 1643. His inventory amounted to £15 13s. 2d., and following is an abstract of his will:

Samuel Holly 5(10)43. Because it is appointed for all men once to dye & the dayes of men in this world are but like a shadowe y^t^ soone departeth, Therefore, I Samuell Holly doe make this my last will. Effects to my loving wife, except Tenn acres of land to my soone according to a former writing, and the remaining part of the inclosed lott to goe to my soone & his heirs: to goe after y^e^ decease of my wife, but she to have y^e^ use & possession thereof, during her life. To my soone one blue stuffe sutte of apparall, one hatt, one pr of shoos; all other my lands & goods I give to my wife, whom I doe make my sole Execut^r^.

This 22th of October, 1643. Witnesses:

JOHN JACKSON, EDWARD JACKSON.

There is no known record of the time that Samuel Holly emigrated to America. His land was in that part of Cambridge, later Brighton and now a part of Boston, Massachusetts, where ran the ancient road to Roxbury. His name first appears in the original manuscript record entitled "The Register: Booke of the Lands & Houses in the Newtown 1635" under the subheading: "This Entrie

ffolloweing made by us who are appointed for this worke for this present yeare: 1639: Richard Jackesone: Josheph Isake: Robert Saunders:"

> Samuell Holley—one Dwelling house w^th^ Eighteen Acars of Land: on y^e^ South side of Charles River Within Cambridge Bounds Bounded upon y^e^ Southeast side upon Bush; Charles River Northeast; John Jacksone North west; Southwest Joineing to y^e^ Comon sett out by Stakes.

Samuel Holly married Elizabeth, who married (second) John Kendall. The Elizabeth Holly who sailed from London in June, 1635, in the ship "Blessing" for New England, may have been she, coming to join her first husband. September 8, 1646, Elizabeth and John Kendall sold "one dwelling house late Samuell Holleyes . . . . and Ten Acr of land enclosed Charles-River north," etc. Nothing is positively known concerning the time, place or manner of her death, but she may have been the "Kendall" who was executed on an absurd charge that she "did bewitch to death a child of Goodman Genings of Watertown," the charge having been brought against her by a Watertown nurse of ill repute, who, according to the belief of the Genings family, was herself responsible for the child's death through neglect. Only known son:

1. *John,* of whom further.

(C. A. Hoppin: *The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families,* Vol. III, pp. 533-34, 535, as prepared for Edward Lee McClain, Greenfield, Ohio.)

II

"MR." JOHN HOLLY, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Holly, is said to have been born in England about 1618. The Stamford, Connecticut, records state that "Mr. John Holly in y^e^ 63rd year of his age Dyed May 25, 1681." His will, dated at Stamford, Connecticut, April 14, 1681, proved at Fairfield, Connecticut, June 28, 1681, mentions his wife Mary and their nine children, John, Samuel, Increase, Elisha, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Turney, Bethia Weed and Hannah Hoyt.

According to "The Regestre" of lands at Cambridge (Newtown) in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, he sold his inheritance there in 1645:

> 4th October 1645. Itm. Bought of John Holly one Dwelling-house with nynteen Acr of Land more or lesse on the south side of Charles river Ten Acr thereof present possession & the residue with other houses therupon together with all the rights & privileges thereunto belonginge after the death of Elizabeth Kendall late wife of Samue(l) Holly, Randolph Bush, East; his owne Land, west; Roxbury highway, south; Charles river, north.

He removed to Stamford in the New Haven Colony within the next two years, was chosen marshal there about 1650 and had lands recorded in 1651. He was a magistrate for Stamford in 1654 and 1659, and was still marshal in the latter year, when he was instructed to proceed to arrest and prosecute certain persons for selling wines and liquors without a license. He was chosen by the government of the New Haven Colony, May 26, 1658, "to receive the customs & excise of wines & liquowes" at Stamford, was "allowed 30s, besides his charges in New Haven, for his paines & care" therein, and was chosen again for the same office in 1659 and 1662. He was town clerk in 1668, serving until 1670, and selectman for four years beginning in 1666. In May, 1663, he was elected deputy for Stamford to the New Haven Legislature, and in that same month was one of the nine deputies who, together with the Governor, Deputy Governor and four magistrates, framed for the colony of New Haven the remonstrance against the colony of Connecticut, for having secured from Charles II its famous charter that encroached upon, ignored or abrogated various rights of the New Haven Colony. The General Assembly of the Connecticut Colony ignored the remonstrance and in 1665 forced a union with the New Haven Colony. John Holly became reconciled to this event, and accepted a higher office with the Connecticut Colony, whose General Assembly, May 9, 1667, decreed that:

> Mr. Richard Lawes & Mr. John Holly are chosen Commissioners for the Townes of Stan*d*ford, Greenwich & Rye, and to assist in the

execution of justice at the courts at Fayrefeild . . . . And Mr. Gold or Mr. Sherman to administer the oath of Com[r] to Mr. Lawes & Mr. Holly.

This appointment seems to have constituted him a justice of the inferior court of common pleas for Fairfield County, and he was reappointed to the same office May 12, 1670, May 9, 1678, May 5, 1679, and May 12, 1681, on each occasion taking the oath of freeman. He was elected deputy for Stamford to the General Assembly of Connecticut Colony, October 13, 1670, when he was appointed one of a committee of eight deputies "to set an apprizement upon the land belonging to the several plantations," and was deputy for Greenwich in May, 1673.

John Holly married, in or near Cambridge, Mary, whose surname is not known, and who died April 7, 1714.

Children:

1. Samuel, born about 1641, died at Stamford, Connecticut, May 13, 1709; married, June 25th, 1668, Mary Close.
2. Lt. Increase, born August 20, 1643, died March 1, 1726-27; married, April 2, 1679, Elizabeth Newman, daughter of William Newman.
3. Abigail, born September 10, 1646, was living in 1707; married Nathaniel Cross of Windsor.
4. John, born November 3, 1649, died September 22, 1716; married, April 2, 1679, Hannah Newman, daughter of William Newman.
5. Hannah, born April 18, 1651, died December 7, 1710; married, November 16, 1672, Deacon Samuel Hoyt.
6. Bethia, born at Stamford, Connecticut, January 6, 1655, died there December 24, 1713; married, November 16, 1676-77, Jonas Weed.
7. *Elisha* (*1*), of whom further.
8. Jonathan, born at Stamford, Connecticut, March 1, 1662-63, died October 12, 1712; married, December 2, 1686, Sarah Finch, daughter of either Samuel or Isaac Finch.
9. Elizabeth, married Robert Turney.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 534-37. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* pp. 41-42. D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, pp. 290-91. C. M. Holly: *Record of the Holly Family in America,* pp. 39-45.)

III

ELISHA (1) HOLLY, son of John and Mary Holly, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, March 6, 1658-59, or August 1, 1659, and died there October 28, 1719. He was recorder of the town from 1699 to 1718, deputy to the General Assembly in 1700, 1701, 1704, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711 and 1713, and justice in 1711. He served as auditor in 1704-08, 1709 and 1710, and was appointed to return thanks to the Reverend Stephen Buckingham for the election sermon in May, 1711.

Elisha (1) Holly married, December 2, 1686, Martha Holmes. (Holmes III.)

Children:

1. *Elisha* (*2*), of whom further.
2. Eliphalet, born March 29, 1690, died October 28, 1744; married, in 1714 or 1717, Mary Pennoyer.
3. Martha, born December 28, 1691; married, December 10, 1713, Cary Leeds.
4. Elizabeth, born January or June 28, 1693/4, died November 2, 1717; married, as his first wife, Thomas Waterbury. (Waterbury IV, Child 4.)
5. Elnathan, born March 20, 1696.
6. Israel, born January 16, 1697-98; married, in February, 1724, Sarah Cross. (Cross II, Child 5.)
7. Abigail, born May 28, or June 8, 1700, died May 2, 1733; married, in 1720, Joseph Whiting.
8. John, born November 20, 1702, died December 8, 1702.
9. Mary (twin), born May 5, 1705, died May 8, 1705.
10. Sarah (twin), born May 5, 1705, died September 4, 1745; married, June 22, 1727, Obadiah Seeley.

(C. A. Hoppin: *The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families,* Vol. III, p. 536, as prepared for Edward Lee McClain of Greenfield, Ohio. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* pp. 41-42, 116. D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, p. 291. C. M. Holly: *Record of the Holly Family in America,* pp. 44, 48.)

IV

ELISHA (2) HOLLY, son of Elisha (1) and Martha (Holmes) Holly, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, November 10, 1687, and died May 14, 1752. He is said to have been town recorder and justice of the peace for many years.

He married, January 24 or 26, 1715-16, Rebecca Bishop. (Bishop III.)

Children:

1. Elisha, born October 31, 1717, died December 19, 1717.
2. *Rebecca,* of whom further.
3. Mercy, born in 1720; married, February 28, 1748, Samuel Lines.
4. Martha, born September 28, 1723; married, July 9, 1747, Ezekiel Smith.
5. Elisha (again), born September 21, 1726, died young.
6. Stephen, of Courtlandt Manor, Westchester County, New York, born October 19, 1728; married (first), October 9, 1751, Hannah Marshall; (second), April 19, 1765, Lois Mead.
7. Abraham, born January 12 or February 11, 1732-33, died in 1815; married, January 12, 1758, Mary Webb.
8. Abigail, born June 6, 1736, died April 12, 1758; married Israel Smith.

(C. M. Holly: *Record of the Holly Family in America,* p. 61. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* pp. 41-42.)

V

REBECCA HOLLY, daughter of Elisha (2) and Rebecca (Bishop) Holly, was born in 1718.

She married Nathaniel Waterbury. (Waterbury VI.)

(*Ibid.* G. D. Seymour and D. L. Jacobus: *A History of the Seymour Family,* p. 102.)

Bishop

BISHOP ARMS

Arms—Argent, on a bend gules between two demi-lions rampant sable, three lozenges vair. (Burke: *General Armory.*)

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HOME OF THE REV. JOHN BISHOP, NORTHWEST CORNER OF ATLANTIC AND MAIN STREETS

Bishop

THE surname Bishop has two derivations, one a nickname meaning "the bishop," an entry in early registers, and a sobriquet readily affixed on one of ecclesiastical appearance. The other is of an occupational origin from the custom of electing a boy-bishop on St. Nicholas' Day. A proof of the existence of this popular surname is seen in the following entry: "Bissop atte Comb, Co. Soms, Edward III: Kirby's Quest, p. 182." In the formal roll of the Prestons Guild Merchant for 1602 appears the name of "William Browne *alias* Bushopp."

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

I

REV. JOHN BISHOP, first minister at Stamford, Connecticut, and founder of the family in America, was born in England about 1610 and died in Stamford, Connecticut, in 1694. His will, dated November 16, 1694, proved March 12, 1694/5, requested that he be buried between his two wives, Rebecca and Joanna, "who are fallen asleep in Jesus and gone to Heaven before me," and mentioned his sons Stephen, Joseph, Ebenezer and Benjamin, and daughter Whiting. In one of his letters to the Rev. Increase Mather, he wrote that he had eight sons, of whom four survived. Rev. Mr. Bishop is believed to have been identical with the John Bishop, of Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1641, who was schoolmaster at Taunton, a student of theology, and the story is told that he came to Stamford in 1643/4, carrying his Bible under his arm, at the behest of the people of that town who had sent Lieutenant Francis Bell and George Slaw-

son to find and persuade him to become their minister. His home, built in 1644, was still standing on the northwest corner of Atlantic and Main streets, Stamford, Connecticut, at a recent date, according to Herbert F. Sherwood, A. M., in his volume, *Story of Stamford.* The reproduction illustrates the peace and tranquillity of the old Colonial homestead. At the first May session of the General Court in New Haven, in 1659, it was reported that John Bishop had encountered so much discouragement that he desired to leave Stamford. He remained there, however, preaching to a large parish "from Norwalk out to the borders of New York," at an annual stipend of £60. September 28, 1684, he had two hundred acres laid out for him on the east side of New Haven East River.

Rev. John Bishop married (first) Rebecca Goodyear. (Goodyear III.) He married (second) Joanna (Boyse-Prudden) Willett, daughter of Rev. John Boyse, of Halifax, Yorkshire, and widow of the Rev. Peter Prudden, of Milford, Connecticut, and of Captain Thomas Willett.

Known children, all of first marriage, born at Stamford, Connecticut:

1. *Stephen,* of whom further.
2. Captain Joseph, died at Stamford, Connecticut, September 14, 1733; married there, November 3, 1691, Elizabeth Knowles, of Fairfield, daughter of John and Rebecca (Cable) Knowles.
3. Mary, died July 25, 1658.
4. Rebecca, born about February, 1663; died at Southampton, Long Island, April 26, 1726; married Rev. Joseph Whiting, of Southampton.
5. Ebenezer, born about 1666, died at Stamford, Connecticut, March 12, 1710; married, October 2, 1700, Sarah Slawson, daughter of John and Sarah (Tuttle) Slawson.
6. Benjamin, died at Stamford, Connecticut, January 25, 1727/8; married, August 24, 1696, Susanna Pierson, daughter of Rev. Abraham Pierson.

(D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, pp. 77, 79, 369, 566. J. C. Wait: *Some Descendants of Reverend John Bishop [1634-1694] of Stamford, Connecticut* [chart pedigree]. M. H. Bishop: *Reverend John Bishop, of the Massachusetts and Connecticut Colonies, 1640-1695,* in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record,* Vol. XXVIII,

pp. 89-92, 129-31. D. L. Jacobus: *Deputy Governor Stephen Goodyear of New Haven, Connecticut, Reverend John Bishop of Stamford, and the Lake and Walts Families of Boston,* in *The American Genealogist,* Vol. XVI, pp. 194-96. Herbert F. Sherwood, A. M.: *Story of Stamford.*)

II

STEPHEN BISHOP, son of the Rev. John and Rebecca (Goodyear) Bishop, died at Stamford, Connecticut, December 3, 1722/3. He was deputy for Stamford to the General Court sessions in October, 1700; October and December, 1707; October, 1708; and May, June and October, 1709. The inventory of "Mr." Stephen Bishop granted administration to his son John and named his five surviving children: John, Stephen, Isaac, Rebecca, wife of Elisha Holly, and Abigail, wife of John Seeley.

Stephen Bishop married Mercy, whose parentage is not known, and who died April 5, 1735.

Children, recorded at Stamford, Connecticut:

1. John, born about 1682, died about 1757; married (first), May 10, 1704, Mary Talmadge, of New Haven, Connecticut; (second), January 24, 1725/6, Sarah (Osborn) Lewis, widow of Nathan Lewis and daughter of Captain John Osborn; (third) Abigail.
2. Abraham (twin), born October 28, 1684, died October 29, 1712.
3. Stephen (twin), born October 28, 1684, died in 1731; married, June 4, 1713, Waitstill Waterbury.
4. Theophilus, born February 1, 1687, died September 13, 1710.
5. Deacon Isaac, born October 30, 1689, died in 1759; married, May 22, 1718, Susanna Finch.
6. *Rebecca,* of whom further.
7. Abigail, born July 15, 1696, died September 1, 1757; married before 1720, John Seeley. (*Ibid.*)

III

REBECCA BISHOP, daughter of Stephen and Mercy Bishop, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, April 9, 1692, and died November 23, 1757.

She married Elisha (2) Holly. (Holly IV.) (*Ibid.*)

GOODYERE (GOODYEAR) ARMS

Arms—Gules, a fesse between two chevrons vaire.

(G. G. Kirkman: *Genealogy of the Goodyear Family.* Burke: *Encyclopedia of Heraldry.*)

Goodyear

THE surname Goodyear and its variants, Goodyer, Goodear, Goodger, Goodier and Goodyere, is of baptismal origin meaning "the son of Gudhir" or "Gudvar," Goodyear being the modern form. In Domesday Book it was given as Godere and Goderus.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

The Goodyear family descended from Richard Goodere, younger son of Thomas, Lord of Poynton in Cheshire, who died in 1307, and was buried at Bownes near Burgh-on-Sands in Cumberland. He located in the parish of Monken Hadley, County Middlesex, where his descendants resided until the middle of the seventeenth century. From there the family branched out to various parts of England, some going to London. Henry "Goodyere," alderman of London, died in 1557, and his first cousin, George "Goodyere," a draper, was buried in St. Mary Botolph, London, in the same year.

Among the London marriage records is that of Andrew Goodyear, of St. Anne and Agnes, Aldergate, to Alice Parkyns, December 10, 1575. Since Stephen Goodyear, pioneer of the line in America, had a son and two grandsons named Andrew, it is belived that this Andrew was related to him, perhaps his grandfather.

(G. G. Kirkland: *Genealogy of the Goodyear Family,* pp. 17-18, 32-33.)

I

ZACHARY GOODYEAR, vintner, resided in the parish of St. Gregorie at the time of his death, and in his will expressed a desire to be buried in that

church. The will, dated July 18, 1613, provided that £10 should be given his mother; £5 to his cousin, Mary Storye, and that the residuary legatee and executor should be his son, Stephen. The overseers were "brothers" John Partridge, "scrivner," and Ralph Bowlton, "merchant taylor." July 31, 1613, the administration was granted to Ralph Bowlton during the minority of Stephen.

He married, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, June 5, 1598, Susanna Baxter.

They were the parents of:

1. *Stephen,* of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

II

STEPHEN GOODYEAR, son of Zachary and Susanna (Baxter) Goodyear, was born probably in London and died there in 1658. He is named in the will of his father in 1613, but was a minor. The following year he was bound apprentice to Ralph Bowlton of Paternoster Row for seven years, according to the records of the Merchant Taylors Company. November 12, 1621, he was admitted to freedom. Bowlton was a relative, being called brother in Zachary Goodyear's will and was Stephen's guardian.

Stephen Goodyear bought land at Walton-on-the-Thames for £240 and is described as a merchant taylor. The next mention of him is at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1638, when a list of the original freemen of that Colony was prepared. Many came on the "Hector" with the Rev. John Davenport. In early records he is described as "one of the London Merchants originally associated together to form a colony in New England." Shortly after this he returned to London, where he is mentioned in Vol. X, No. 53, of the Colonial State Papers as joining with Richard Russell as part owner and master of the ship "St. John," of London. In 1641 he purchased Shelter Island and ten years later sold it for sixteen hundred pounds "of good merchantable Muscovado sugar." He was chosen a magistrate in October of that year, thus beginning a long public career. From 1643 to 1658 he was Deputy Governor of the New Haven Colony, which included Milford, Guilford, Stamford and Yenicott (Long Island). He con-

ducted the diplomatic correspondence of the Colony and in 1643 was directed to confer and advise Governor Eaton and Mr. Gregson on the articles of confederation between the various New England colonies. As early as 1647 he opened up trade with the Barbadoes and other islands in the West Indies and is regarded as the first to do so in the New Haven Colony, if not all New England. In doing so he purchased the "Zwoll" from the authorities of New Amsterdam, and was deeply interested in the fitting out of the great ship to trade with England. This ship of 150 tons sailed for England with many of the leading men of the Colony and was lost. According to tradition, many persons saw an apparition of this ship two months later and it was called the "Phantom Ship." In spite of heavy losses he continued to invest in real estate. He took an active part in negotiations with Governor Stuyvesant of New York over the return of prisoners, boundary claims, and the seizure of a vessel in the waters belonging to the New Haven Colony. Each colony had complaints against the other and Stuyvesant took exception to the tone of Governor Eaton's letter, while being on personal friendly terms with Goodyear. A group from New Haven located on Delaware Bay and had trouble with the Swedes there, which Goodyear attempted to settle, going there for that purpose, but it was afterwards thought advisable not to undertake the enterprise. In addition to his part in public affairs, Stephen Goodyear was the first in the Colony to embark in shipbuilding and was identified with the first iron foundry in the Colony, the iron works of East Haven. He favored the establishment of a college long before Yale was founded. In 1657 he went to England and died there shortly after reaching London.

Stephen Goodyear married (first) Mary, whose surname is not known, and who was lost at sea in 1646 on the "Phantom Ship." He married (second) Margaret (Lowen) Lamberton, widow of Captain George Lamberton, who was lost on the same ship, which he commanded.

Children of the first marriage, first seven baptized at St. Mary Woolnooth, London:

1. *Rebecca,* of whom further.
2. Stephen, was buried February 25, 1627.
3. Mary, baptized in 1629/30; married Captain Thomas Lake, of Boston, Massachusetts.

4. Stephen, baptized in 1631, died in infancy.
5. Thomas, baptized in 1632/3, died in infancy.
6. Andrew, baptized April 3, 1634; buried September 8, 1635.
7. Hannah, born about 1637; married (first) Rev. Samuel Wakeman, of Fairfield, Connecticut; (second) Nathaniel Burr.
8. Sarah, baptized in 1639; buried in 1639.
9. Stephen, baptized at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1641.

Children, probably of the second marriage:

10. Lydia, baptized at New Haven; married Captain John Watts, of Boston, Massachusetts.
11. Andrew, baptized April 8, 1649.
12. John, born in 1650/1; married Abigail Gibbard.
13. Esther, born May 12, 1654; married Nathan Smith.

(G. G. Kirkland: *Genealogy of the Goodyear Family,* pp. 17, 18, 32, 33-53. D. L. Jacobus: *Deputy Governor Stephen Goodyear of New Haven, Reverend John Bishop of Stamford and the Lake and Watts Families of Boston* in *The American Genealogist,* Vol. XVI, pp. 191, 195, 196.)

III

REBECCA GOODYEAR, daughter of Stephen and Mary Goodyear, was born in England about 1625-26.

She married Rev. John Bishop. (Bishop I.)

(D. L. Jacobus: *Deputy Governor Stephen Goodyear, Reverend John Bishop and the Lake and Watts Families of Boston* in *The American Genealogist,* Vol. XVI, pp. 195-96.)

Holmes

HOLMES ARMS

Arms—Sable, a lion rampant argent semée of crosses crosslet of the field.
(Burke: *General Armory.*)

Holmes

THE surname Holmes and its variants, Holm, Holme, Holms, Home and Homes, is of local origin, meaning "at the holm," from residence on a holm, an inlet in, or near a flat land beside a river. It is popular all over England.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

I

FRANCIS HOLMES or HOMES, earliest known ancestor of the family in America, was a resident of Stamford, Connecticut, in 1648, as appears from the testimony against Robert Penoyer, who was in that year accused of drinking wine, becoming noisy and turbulent and abusing the watchman. His will, recorded at Fairfield, dated September 6, 1671, mentions his wife Ann and children Stephen, John, Richard, and Ann, wife of Samuel Dean. Inventory of the estate was taken February 14, 1675/6, and agreement of the heirs made March 3, 1675/6. Mr. Jacobus sets the date of Francis Holmes' first appearance in Stamford as 1658, when he and his son Richard witnessed a deed.

Francis Holmes married Ann, who, according to testimony of her son Richard given in the Clawson witchcraft trial in October, 1692, was a midwife in Stamford.

Children:

1. John, of Stamford and Bedford; married, at Stamford, May 12, 1659, Rachel Waterbury. (Waterbury III, Child 1.)

2. *Stephen,* of whom further.
3. Ann, married Samuel Dean.
4. Richard, born about 1637, died in 1704; married Sarah, whose surname is not known.

(D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, pp. 291-93. E. B. Huntington: *History of Stamford, Connecticut,* pp. 53-54,59. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* pp. 41, 45.)

II

STEPHEN HOLMES, son of Francis and Ann Holmes or Homes, died at Stamford, Connecticut, May 15, 1710. His will, dated September 6, 1707, mentions his sons Samuel and Stephen; grandson John, son of John, deceased; and five daughters: Mary Slawson, Martha Holly, Rebecca Jaggers, Abigail Hait, Sarah Waterbury; and his wife, Martha. His inventory was taken November 14, 1710. In 1667 he had lands assigned to him by the town of Stamford.

Stephen Holmes married Martha, who died March 13, 1727/8.

Children:

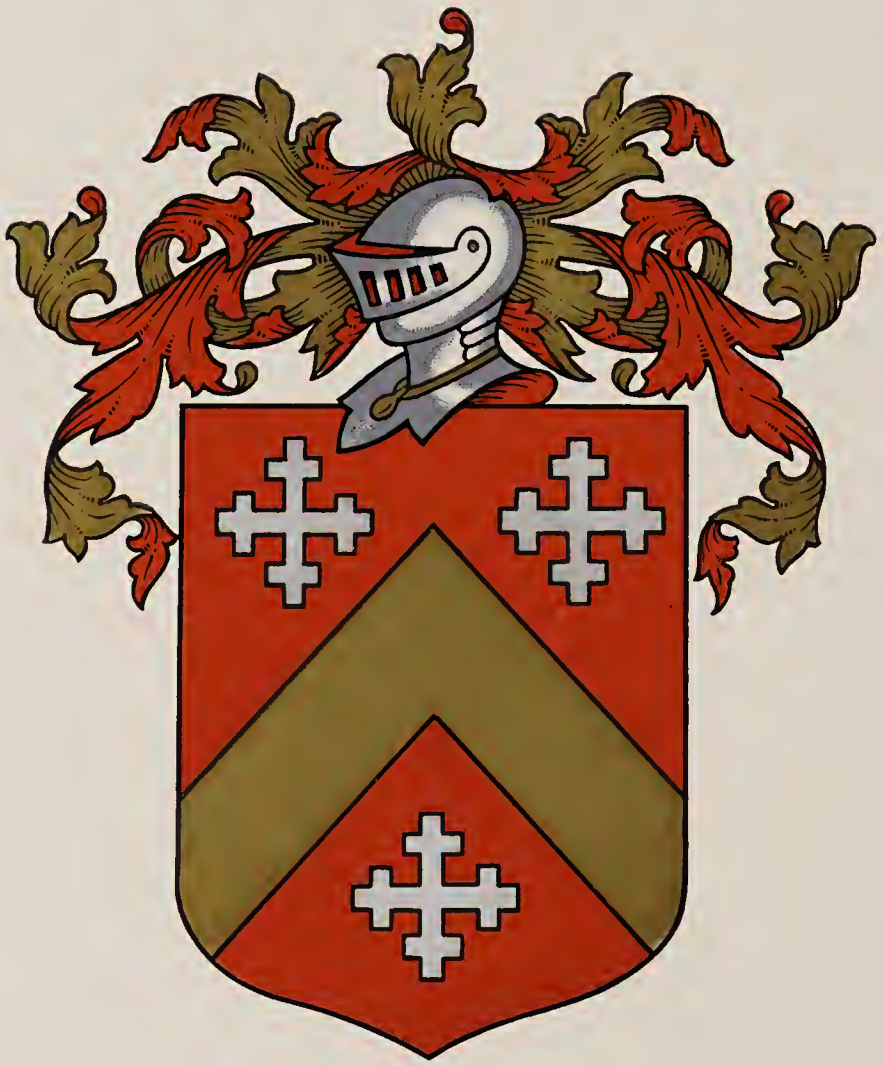
1. *Martha,* of whom further.
2. John, died July 6, 1703; married, January 15, 1701/2, Mercy Bell, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna (Pierson) Bell, of Stamford; she married (second) Samuel Hoyt; (third) Peter Ferris.
3. Stephen, married, September 7, 1704, Margaret Gibbs, daughter of John Gibbs, of New Haven.
4. Rebecca, died April 1, 1749; married, August 22, 1700, Jonathan Jagger.
5. Abigail, married, April 30, 1702, John Hoyt.
6. Mary, married about 1704, John Slawson.
7. Sarah, died August 1, 1709; married, as his first wife, January 16, 1706/7, John (4) Waterbury. (Waterbury V.)
8. Samuel, died June 16, 1734.

(D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, pp. 61, 292. E. B. Huntington: *History of Stamford, Connecticut,* p. 54. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* p. 451.)

III

MARTHA HOLMES, daughter of Stephen and Martha Holmes, died August 4, 1721.

She married Elisha (1) Holly. (Holly III.) (*Ibid.*)



Cross

CROSS ARMS

Arms—Gules, a chevron or between three crosses crosslet argent.

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

Cross

THE surname Cross or Crosse is of local origin, designating "one who dwelt by or near the roadside or market place." John atte Cross was listed in the Writs of Parliament in 1302; Johannes del Crosse appeared in the Poll Tax for Yorkshire in 1379, and Thomas atte Cross, Rector of of Bexwell, was recorded in the *History of Norfolk.* Another form of this surname is Crouch.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

I

WILLIAM CROSS, earliest known ancestor, died at Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1655; inventory of his estate taken September 7, 1655, mentioned his widow and orphans. In 1637 he served in the Pequot War, and about 1644 removed to Wethersfield from Windsor, where he had been an early settler. He seems to have been a seafaring man, and in 1644/5 was fined 40s. for having wine sold in his shop without a license. Later he removed to Fairfield, and in 1649 and 1650 was defendant in suits brought in the court at Hartford by Richard Butler and Thomas Olcott.

William Cross married Margaret, who married (second), June 26, 1657, Robert Bates.

Children:

1. *Nathaniel,* of whom further.
2. Captain Samuel, of the North Company of Windsor in 1707, died there November fifth of that year; married, July 12, 1677, Elizabeth (Fox) Chapman, widow of Edward Chapman.

3. John, died July 23, 1721; married (first), at Windsor, November 3, 1686, Mary (Hull) Grant, widow of John Grant; (second) Mary, whose surname is not known.
4. Sarah, died at Stamford, February 18, 1711/2; married John Bates.
5. Hannah, died at Stamford between 1675 and 1682; married John Tagger.
6. Mary, died at Stratford, October 7, 1687; married, January 9, 1672/3, John Pickett, Jr.

(D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, pp. 167-68. R. H. Hinman: *A Catalogue of the Early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut,* pp. 761-62. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,* p. 27. E. B. Huntington: *History of Stamford, Connecticut,* p. 13. H. R. Stiles: *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut, 1635-1891,* Vol. II, pp. 168-69.)

II

NATHANIEL CROSS, son of William and Margaret Cross, died at Stamford, Connecticut, October 28, 1714, administration of his estate being granted to his widow, Hannah, February 2, 1714/5. Deborah Cross, his daughter, chose her father-in-law (*i. e.,* stepfather) Samuel Palmer as guardian, and he was appointed for John, Sarah and Mary Cross. Distribution of the lands of Nathaniel Cross was made January 11, 1730/1, by mutual agreement of his heirs: Deborah, wife of John Knapp; Sarah, wife of Israel Holly; Hannah, wife of "Sergeant" John Waterbury; Mary and John Cross.

Nathaniel Cross married (first) Abigail, whose parentage is not known. He married (second), at Stamford, November 6, 1696, Hannah Knapp, who married (second), March 31, 1715, Samuel Palmer.

Children of the first marriage:

1. *Hannah,* of whom further.
2. Abigail, born April 8, 1694, died September 5, 1710.

Children of the second marriage:

3. Deborah, born January or February 17, 1701/2, died December 4, 1735; married, May 23, 1723, John Knapp.

4. Nathaniel, born April 13, 1703.
5. Sarah, born about 1705; married, February 25, 1724/5, Israel Holly. (Holly III, Child 6.)
6. John, born January 16, 1707/8.
7. Mary.

(D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, pp. 167-68. R. H. Hinman: *Catalogue of the Early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut,* pp. 761-62. E. B. Huntington: *Stamford Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,* pp. 27, 79.)

III

HANNAH CROSS, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail Cross, was born at Stamford, Connecticut, February or July 23, 1687/8, and died March 2, 1756.

She married Lieutenant John (4) Waterbury. (Waterbury V.)

(D. L. Jacobus: *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield,* Vol. I, p. 167.)

MERVYN (MARVIN) ARMS

Arms—Argent, a demi-lion rampant sable. (Burke: *General Armory.*)

Marvin

THE surname Marvin and its variants, Mervyn, Mervin, Mirfin and Murfin, etc., is of baptismal origin, for "the son of Mervyn or Merfin." In Brittany the form was Merlin. Mervyn, according to some authorities, is still in use in Wales as a font-name. In Yorkshire the surname is spelled Murfin or Merfin.

The name Marvin appeared in several counties of England at the beginning of the fifteenth century. Bearers of the name are found in the *Visitations of Wilts, Somerset, Hampshire* and others. In Wiltshire, Fonthill Abbey was the family seat of the descendants of Richard Marvin, who died in the seventeenth year of Henry VI. A prominent representative of this family was Sir John Marvin. Branches of that family were seated at Pertwood, Dorsetshire and Worminster in Suffolk, but no connection has been found between those in Wiltshire and the family in Suffolk and Essex.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.* G. F. and W. T. R. Marvin: *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin,* pp. 9-10.)

The Family in England

1

ROGER MARVIN, progenitor of the family, was born as early as 1430 and died September 10, 1475. He resided at St. Stephen's Parish, Ipswich, County Suffolk, England. The date of his birth is calculated from the fact that his son was old enough to be executor of his will in 1475. He may have been much older.

Roger Marvin married Matilda, whose surname is not of record.
Among their children was a son:

1. *John,* of whom further.

(W. T. R. Marvin: *English Ancestry of Reinold and Matthew Marvin,* pp. 21-24.)

II

JOHN MARVIN, son of Roger and Matilda Marvin, of St. Stephen's Parish, Ipswich, was executor of his father's will, indicating he was at least twenty-one years of age in 1475. The date of his death is unknown and no will is found on record.

Children:

1. *A son,* of whom further.
2. Robert, resided in Ramsey, a few miles south of Ipswich; in his will, dated December 10, 1556, he names wife Isabel; sister Ann, wife of Robert Borflete; James Hewitt, John Blosser and Matthew Beterich, Margaret and Alice Knight, relationship not given, and godsons Reinold and John Marvin. The will of his wife, Isabel, identifies John Blosser as son of a daughter.
3. Anne, married Robert Borflete. (*Ibid.,* pp. 30, 31-32, 43-47.)

III

MR. MARVIN, whose given name is not known, according to the family genealogist, W. T. R. Marvin, in his volume *English Ancestors of Reinold and Matthew Marvin,* was a brother of Robert Marvin, of Ramsey, above mentioned.

The two "godsons" Reinold and John Marvin named in the will of Robert Marvin, of Ramsey, according to this authority, were sons of Mr. Marvin, who was evidently deceased in 1556 when the above will was drawn.

In the thirty-second year of the reign of Henry VIII (1541), "the widow Marvin" was named in the Exchequer Lay Subsidy of Essex.

Children:

1. John, called godson by Robert Marvin, of Ramsey, and brother in the will of Reinold Marvin.

2. *Reinold,* of whom further.
3. Thomas, called brother in the will of Reinold Marvin; married, as her second husband, Barbara Brett.
4. Christ*ian,* married Thomas Herde and named in the will of her brother Thomas Marvin. (*Ibid.,* pp. 38-39, 75, 81.)

IV

REINOLD MARVIN, son of Mr. Marvin and called "godson" by his uncle, Robert Marvin, of Ramsey, resided at Ramsey, and was born probably about 1514. His will was dated December 22, 1554. He directed that he be interred in the church of St. Michael the Archangel in Ramsey and named wife Johan and children. He was taxed 20s. at Ramsey in the county of Suffolk in 1540. He owned various houses and lands there: one tenement called Bennetts, another Genettes, a farm called East Hale on the peninsula in the northern part of the parish, an estate called Barwyke, and a tenement in the adjoining parish of Wrabness.

Reinold Marvin married Johan.

Children:

1. Richard, received the tenement called Bennetts.
2. *Edward,* of whom further.
3. John.
4. Andrew, received £10 in his father's will.
5. Margaret, received £10.
6. Barbara, received £10; married John Wade, called cousin in will of John Marvin, son of his uncle John. (*Ibid.*)

V

EDWARD MARVIN, son of Reinold and Johan Marvin, was born about 1550 and probably earlier, since his father's will was dated in 1554. His will was dated November 13, 1615, proved January 17, 1616, and he is buried in St. Mary's churchyard in Great Bentley. He owned considerable property, including a house and land in Wrabness left him by his father and a house and land at

Wix, which he bequeathed to his son Edward. By 1595 he was living in Great Bentley, Essex County, England.

Edward Marvin married Margaret, whose surname is not known.

Children:

1. Edward, inherited estates from his father in Wrabness and Wix; married Beatrice.
2. Thomas.
3. Richard, married Susan Loosk.
4. Robert, married Susan Core.
5. Margaret, died January 28, 1595/6.
6. Marie, married John Hayes.
7. John, baptized, and buried June 7, 1593.
8. Robert, baptized, and buried June 7, 1593.
9. Reinold, baptized October 25, 1594, located in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1638, and later at Saybrook and Lyme; married Marie, whose surname is not known.
10. Elizabeth, married Robert Edwards.
11. *Matthew,* of whom further. (*Ibid.,* pp. 105-10.)

The Family in America

I

MATTHEW MARVIN, son of Edward and Margaret Marvin, was baptized in St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley, County Essex, England, March 26, 1600, and died at Norwalk, Connecticut, about 1679. His will was dated in December, 1678, and proved July 12, 1680. By his father's will he received a house called Edons Alias Dreybrocker and land called Hartles and Brocken Haddes.

He sailed for America on the "Increase" in the middle of April and reached New England about June 1, 1635. From the Augmentation Office, London, the following entry of April 15, 1634, is taken:

> Theis parties hereafter expressed are to be transported to New England, imbarked on the *Increase,* Robert Lea Master having taken

the oath of allegiance and supremacy as also being conformable etc., whereas they brought testimony per certif. the justices and ministers where their abodes have lately been.

Included in the list were:
Matthew Marvin, Age 35.
Uxor, Elizabeth Marvin, Age 31.
Elizabeth, Matthew, Marie, Sara and Hannah Marvyn ½ year.

He was a member of the party which reached Hartford, Connecticut, in November, 1635, and his name is listed on the monument dedicated to the founders of that city. He resided on the corner of what is now Pleasant and Front streets, but later moved to the northeast part of the village. He received thirty acres of land in one division among the proprietors and twenty-eight in another. In 1639 and 1647 he was surveyor of highways. He owned land in Farmington, but prior to 1653 sold it. In 1650 he became one of the original proprietors of Norwalk, Connecticut, located there and is listed third in the Indian deed of that town. His home lot was located near the meetinghouse. He was among the first to represent the town in the General Court and served as a deputy in 1654. When the meetinghouse was enlarged he and Thomas Fitch were appointed to call out as many men as necessary, and when completed, "to provide a luncheon and a barrel of good beans for the help." In 1902 the School Committee of East Norwalk decided to name the new school the Marvin School.

Matthew Marvin married (first), about 1621, Elizabeth, whose surname is not known, who was born about 1604 and died in Hartford, Connecticut, about 1640. He married (second), about 1647, Alice, widow of John Bouton, who was born about 1610 and died about 1680. Her children are named in his will.

Children of the first marriage:

1. Elizabeth, baptized September 13, 1622; married Dr. John Olmstead.
2. Matthew, baptized November 8, 1626; married Mary, whose surname is not known.
3. Marie, baptized December 16, 1628; married (first) Richard Bushnell; (second) Thomas Adgate.
4. Sarah, baptized December 27, 1631; married (first) William Goodrich; (second) Captain William Curtis.

5. *Hannah,* of whom further.
6. Abigail, born about 1637/8; married John Bouton.
7. Rebecca, born about 1639; married John Clark.

Children of the second marriage:

8. Lydia, born about 1648, died in infancy.
9. Samuel, baptized February 6, 1648/9.
10. Rachel, baptized December 30, 1649; married Samuel Smith.

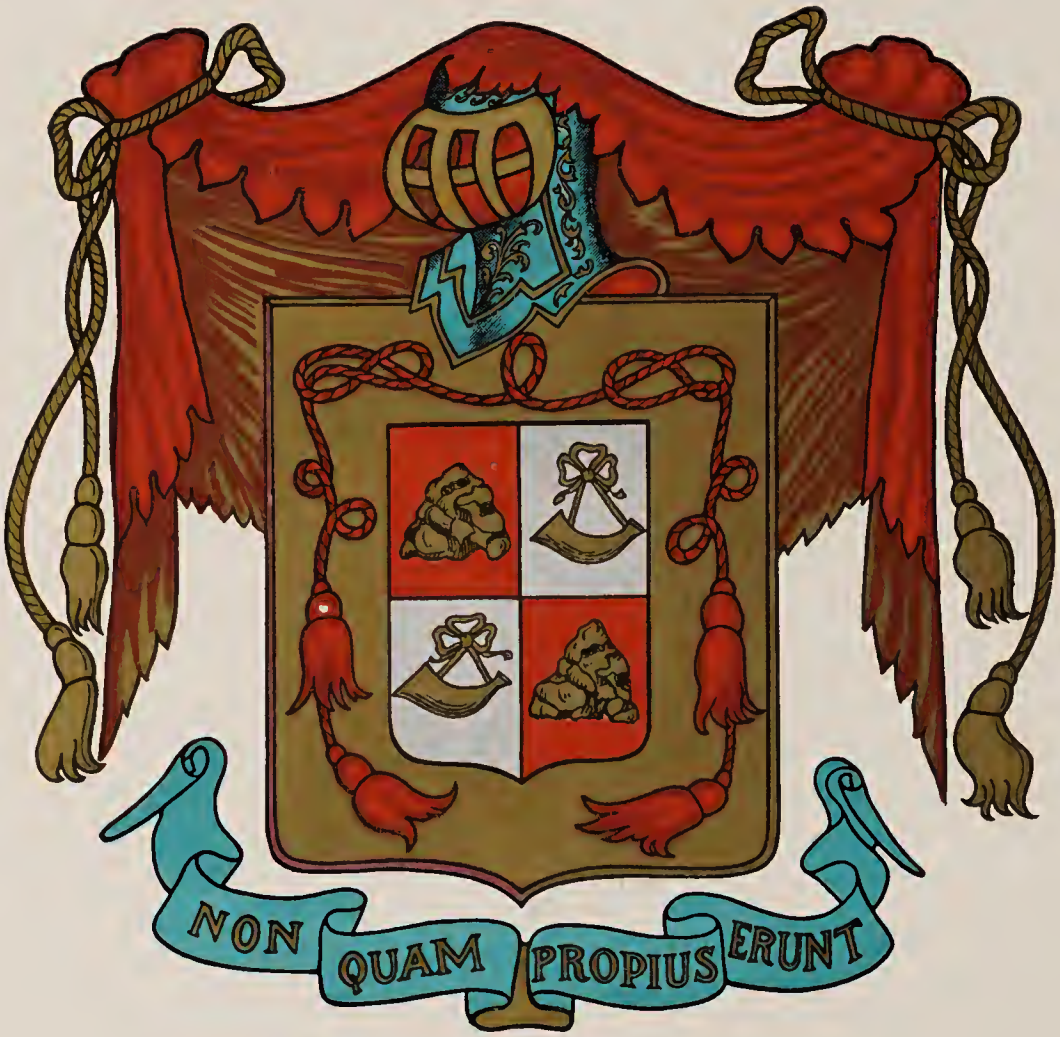
(G. F. and W. T. R. Marvin: *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin,* pp. 287-98.)

II

HANNAH MARVIN, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Marvin, was born about October, 1634, since she was listed as half a year old in the passenger list of the "Increase" dated in April, 1635. She is named in an agreement regarding her father's estate in 1680.

Hannah Marvin married Thomas Seymour. (Seymour II.)

(*Ibid.,* p. 308.)



Rockefeller.

ROCKEFELLER ARMS

Arms—Quarterly, first and fourth, gules, a rock or; second and third, argent, a hunting horn of the second; on a bordure or a knotted cord and tassels gules.

Crest—Gules and or with knotted cords of the last.

Motto—*Non quam propius erunt.*

(*Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association,* Vol. I.)

Rockefeller

IN the history of the origin of surnames, one of the more fascinating is that of Rockefeller. For generations people have considered the name to be of German origin, in view of the fact that the first Rockefeller to establish a family in America was born and educated in the village of Atlwied, Germany. However, recent research and study of the etymology of the name have revealed a second theory—that the family descends from forebears who paid allegiance to France.

Before the Conquest and William the Conqueror's arrival in England in 1066, there had been built "in the western part of Languedoc, France, ... a château of rocks composed of earth, petrified leaves and branches." According to the custom of ancient France, the seigneur of the castle was surnamed "Rocafolio" because of the peculiar foundation on which his château stood. "Rocafolio" assumed such variations as: Roquefeuille, Rockfolle, Rockevallier, Roquefeuil and Rockfolle. Although the first member of the family in America spelled his name Rocke*n*feller, a descendant stated the name should always be spelled without the "n."

Among the earliest records was Raymond de Roquefeuil, who was living in 1169. This ancient house had five divisions which included a marquis and a number of knights.

When Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes in 1685, there followed increased religious persecution, and, as a result, some of the finest inhabitants of France fled to other lands. It is probable that the Roquefeuille family of France sought a new home in the country of the Rhineland and doubtless further research

will develop a connection between the French and German members of the family. The progenitor of the family of interest, Johann Peter Rockefeller, came from the ancient village of Fahr, near Coblenz, Germany.

In the town of Arinheller, near Fahr, stands a picturesque old mill which is reputed to have been built by early members of the family and was operated by Johann Rockefeller during the latter part of the seventeenth century. The old Lutheran Church records at Fahr contain notices dating back to 1676, in which year were recorded the names of Johann and Antoine Rochefeller, considered the oldest of the name in Germany.

(*Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association,* Vol. I, pp. 65, 147-149; Vol. II, p. 104.)

The Family in Germany

I

JOHANN ROCKENFELLER or ROCKEFELLER was born about 1634 and died August 2, 1684. In 1663 he was residing at Wied (Altwied), Germany, and later located at Segendorf.

He married, as his second wife, Elizabeth Margaretha Remagen. The youngest child of the second marriage was:

1. *Johann Peter,* of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

The Family in America

I

JOHANN PETER ROCKEFELLER, son of Johann and Margaretha (Remagen) Rockefeller, was born in Wied, Germany, in 1682, and died in Amwell, New Jersey, between December 6, 1763, and August 16, 1766, dates of the drawing and proving of his will, an abstract of which follows:

> To son William Rockafelt, my plantation in said township, which was purchased of William Burlis, Samuel Green and Justice Gonce,

bounded by Ezcal Rose, James Abits, Peter Fisher and Noah Hixson and contains 275 acres.

To son Peter, £10.

My daughter Else Snuke, has departed this life and left children William, Anne, John and Peter, and they are to have goods.

Daughter Christane has married a man that uses her ill, that she cannot live with, and my Executors are to keep hers in their hands and give it to said Christane, and, at her death, what is left given to her children.

Executors: son Peter, and Philip Peters.

Wits: William Abit, John Garrison.

The accounting shows the legatees were Peter Rockefeller, Mary Caver, Ann Runk, Elizabeth Johnson, the children of Alice Snook, and Christine Miller.

John Davidson Rockefeller has erected a monument to his memory, at Larison's Corners, New Jersey. It bears the following inscription:

In Memory of
JOHANN PETER ROCKEFELLER
Who came from Germany about the year 1723
Died in 1763
He gave his land for a burial place
For his family, its descendants, and his neighbors
This monument erected in the year 1908
By John Davison Rockefeller, a direct descendant.

The first mention found of the name of Rockefeller in America appears in the records of the German Reformed Church at Somerville, New Jersey, in 1724. In 1729 Johann Peter Rockefeller purchased a farm from William Alburtis, the original parchment deed being in the possession of William Rockefeller, of New York. July 8, 1730, he and his sons, Peter and Johannes, pledged their allegiance to the American Colonies.

Johann Peter Rockefeller married (first) Anna Maria Remagen, of Segendorf, Germany, who was born in 1684 and died in 1719; married (second), October 29, 1720, Elizabeth Christina Runkel, of Bonefeld.

Children, probably all by first marriage:

1. *Peter,* of whom further.
2. Johannes, took the oath of allegiance in 1730, probably deceased in 1766.
3. Marie Eva, born in Germany; married John Gaver or Caver.
4. Christine, born in Germany; married N. G. Miller.
5. Ann, born in Somerset County, New Jersey; married Jacob Runk.
6. Elizabeth, married Jacobus Johnson.
7. Elsie or Alice, deceased in August, 1766; married Mr. Snook or Snuke.
8. William, born in Amwell, New Jersey; married Magdalena Quick.

(*Ibid.,* Vol. I, pp. 59, 149, 241-42. *New Jersey Archives,* First Series, Vol. XXXIII, p. 360.)

II

PETER ROCKEFELLER, son of Johann Peter and Anna Maria (Remagen) Rockefeller, was born in Germany, March 22, 1711, and died in Amwell, New Jersey, in 1787. An abstract of his will, dated March 22, 1787, proved May 14, 1787, follows:

> To wife Elizabeth, £60, and money I agreed to give her when we were married. She is to have the use of the land where Henry Lawshe lives, joining lands of William Belles and John Jewel. After she does not use said land, it is to be sold, and the money given to all of my children, Peter, Godfree, John, Henry, William, Jacob, David, Mary and Elizabeth.
>
> To son Peter, the plantation where he lives, bounded by lands of John Arwine and Cornelius Williamson, of 150 acres.
>
> To son Godfree, the plantation where he lives, in Kingwood township bounded by Philip Grandin and Charles Cox, and joining on the south branch of the Rarraton River, 150 acres.
>
> To son John, the plantation where he lives, bounded by lands of Frances Bersons and Henry Dils and Christopher Lawbacker, of 132 acres.
>
> To son Henry, plantation I lately bought of John Emley, attorney of Thomas and John Marston, being the farm where Abraham Young lives in Alexandria township, of 180 acres.

To son William £60.

To sons Jacob and David the farm where I live, bounded by John Jewel, William Andresson and others, being bought in two parts; of 185 acres in each purchase; and David is to have the south part.

To daughters Mary Belles and Elizabeth Hoppock, £150 each.

To grandson, Peter Rockefeller, son of David, £25 when 21.

Executors: son, Peter, and Paul Kuhl.

Witnesses: John Aller
Samuel Furman
Elizabeth Johnson.

He accompanied his father to America about 1723 and took the oath of allegiance with him July 8, 1730.

Peter Rockefeller married (first) Mary Bellis; (second), December 26, 1774, Elizabeth Peterson.

Children, all born in Amwell, New Jersey, and of the first marriage:

1. Peter, married Catherine La Rue.
2. John, married (first), November 23, 1742, Margaret Kitchen; (second) Catherine La Rue.
3. Godfrey, born in 1745; married Margaret Lewis.
4. Henry, born March 7, 1747; married Ann Kitchen.
5. William, born in 1750; married Christina Rockefeller, and they were the great-grandparents of John D. and William Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company.
6. Mary, born in 1753; married Adam Bellis.
7. Jacob, born June 25, 1756; married Charity La Rue.
8. *David,* of whom further.
9. Elizabeth, married Jacob Hoppock.

(*Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association,* Vol. I, pp. 49, 241-42. *New Jersey Archives,* First Series, Vol. XXII, p. 35; Vol. XXXVI, p. 192.)

III

DAVID ROCKEFELLER, son of Peter and Mary (Bellis) Rockefeller, was born in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1759, and died in Lebanon, New Jersey, July 19, 1833.

He married (first) Hannah Philips; (second) Margaret Risler, who was born in 1761 and died February 19, 1826, in Lebanon, New Jersey.

Child of the first marriage:

1. Peter, born in Amwell, New Jersey.

Children of the second marriage:

2. Henry, born in Amwell, New Jersey, February 13, 1785; married Catherine Shurts.
3. John, born in Lebanon, New Jersey, May 24, 1787; married Ann Krymen.
4. Margaret, born in Lebanon, New Jersey, June 1, 1789; married Abraham Shurts.
5. *Ann* (twin), of whom further.
6. Catherine (twin), born in Lebanon, New Jersey, October 18, 1792; married Joseph Best.

(*Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association,* Vol. I, pp. 245, 257-258. *Index of New Jersey Wills,* etc., Vol. II, p. 746. *Records Dutch Reformed Church, Lebanon, New Jersey,* pp. 98, 102, 110.)

IV

ANN ROCKEFELLER, daughter of David and Margaret (Risler) Rockefeller, was born in Lebanon, New Jersey, October 18, 1792.

She married Peter Emery.

Children:

1. David Rockefeller, born November 13, 1821.
2. Mary, born August 4, 1823.
3. *Margaretta Miller,* of whom further.
4. John Rockefeller, born July 24, 1827.

(*Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association,* Vol. I, pp. 245, 257-258.)

V

MARGARETTA MILLER EMERY, daughter of Peter and Ann (Rockefeller) Emery, was born in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, December 28, 1824, and died March 12, 1871.

She married Wellington Bird. (Bird II.)

(*Records of the Dutch Reformed Church, Lebanon, New Jersey,* pp. 156, 173, 176, 182.)

Lester

Friend

Ewing

Hayes

LESTER

Arms—Argent, a fesse azure between fleurs-de-lis gules.
Crest—A demi-griffin segreant gules.

(Burke: *General Armory*. Arms in possession of the family.)

FRIEND

Arms—Gules, a chevron ermine between three bucks' heads cabossed argent.
Crest—A stag's head cabossed proper.

(Burke: *General Armory*.)

EWING

Arms—Argent, a chevron embattled azure ensigned with a banner gules charged with a canton of the second, thereon a saltire of the first, all between two mullets in chief and the sun in his splendor in base of the third.
Crest—A demi-lion rampant in his dexter paw a mullet gules.
Motto—*Audaciter*.

(Burke: *General Armory*.)

HAYES

Arms—Argent, three escutcheons gules.
Supporters—Two men in country habits, each holding an ox yoke over his shoulder.
Crest—On a wreath a falcon proper.

(Rev. C. M. Selleck: *History of Norwalk, Connecticut*, p. 86.)

LESTER ARMS

Arms—Argent, a fess azure between three fleurs-de-lis gules.
Crest—A demi-griffin segreant gules.
(Burke: *General Armory.* Arms in possession of the family.)

CHART SHOWING DESCENT FROM

BRYAN LESTER OF LUNENBURG CO., VA.

AND

CAPTAIN THOMAS FRIEND OF CHESTERFIELD CO. VA.

OF PORTER THOMAS HALL OF KANSAS CITY, MO

LESTER

FRIEND

6 Bryan Lester, first of his line to be recorded, lived in Charlotte Co., Va. He was b. probably 1730-35, and d. in Lunenberg Co., Va., in 1796, his will being dated Mar 25, 1796, and proved June 9, 1796. He was the owner of large estates and many slaves He m. Sarah Wimbish, who d in 1798. Both were buried in the cemetery on the bank of the Meherrin River, four miles from Lunenberg Court House.

5 Henry Lester was b. in Lunenberg Co., Va., about 1750-54, and d at Pulaski, Giles Co., Tenn., in 1826, where both he and his wife are buried in the local cemetery. He left the Episcopal Church and became a Baptist minister before he had passed his eighteenth year. He is frequently mentioned in the history of the Baptist church in Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee In 1808 he removed to Western Tennessee, taking all his family except Bryan-Wimbish and and a married dau. who stayed in Va. He m., Nov. 3, 1772, Elizabeth Mc Connico (Mc Coniche), believed to have been of Maryland ancestry.

4 Bryan Wimbish Lester was b. in Lunenberg Co, Va, about 1773, and d at Salem, Ill., in Sept, 1837. He was proprietor of a general store in Keysville, Charlotte, Va. In 1834 he removed with his family to Salem, Ill He found it necessary to leave his slaves in Virginia, but his furniture, including a piano which created great interest in Illinois, was shipped by river boat and ox-team to its destination. In Virginia, Mr. Lester was a vestryman of St Paul's Parish, Charlotte Co as late as 1831, and in Illinois he helped organize a Baptist congregation He m. 2nd, March 30, 1808, "Level Green" in Charlotte Co, Va., in 1781, and d in Salem, Ill., in 1837

6 Captain Thomas Friend, first of his line on record, d in Chesterfield Co, Va, in 1760 He was a sea captain, and made three voyages from England to the New World before he finally settled in Chesterfield Co., Va., where he bought an estate on the James River and named it "Baldwins" He and his wife and other members of his family were buried there but all trace of the cemetery has been lost. Capt. Thomas Friend m Frances Cox, descendant of a family which had early arrived in Chesterfield Co. Her will was probated in Chesterfield Co. June 13, 1774

5 Joseph Friend was b. at "Baldwins", Chesterfield Co., Va In 1767 he received a grant of two hundred and eighty-eight acres of land in Charlotte Co. He added to his possessions very largely and was most successful in his business ventures He was the first of his family to leave the Episcopal Church and join the Presbyterian Joseph Friend was very probably a captain in the Revolutionary War, commanding a company of Charlotte Co. Militia. He m. Elizabeth Bass of Chesterfield Co., Va.

A REVOLUTIONARY OFFICER

4 Elizabeth Friend, b at the family mansion

3 Agnes Jane Lester was b. at Keysville, Charlotte Co., Va., Apr 17, 1822, and d Sept. 17, 1883. After the death of her parents, she was sent to a girls' seminary at Palmyra, Mo. On May 16, 1839, she m., at Salem, Ill, Dr Matthew Walton Hall, who had come from Kentucky to Salem in 1837 In 1845 they migrated to Arrow Rock, Mo., and in 1857 moved to a farm sixteen miles westward.

2 William Ewing Hall was b. at Arrow Rock, Mo Aug. 21, 1846, and d. at Kansas City, Mo, July 6, 1900. After serving in the Confederate Army he studied law and had a most successful career He m., at Kansas City, Apr 17, 1872, Emily Porter, daughter of Jesse LeGrand and Lucy A (Stark) Porter, and descendant of Rev. James Porter who had come to Kansas City from Tennessee in 1832.

1 PORTER THOMAS HALL, b Sept. 18, 1879; m, April 18, 1928, Josephine Bird

i Joseph Bird Hall, b. April 1, 1930

Lester

LESTER is a surname that derives from Leicester, and of which it is a corruption. There are many variants in the spelling of the name, but Lester is one of the more popular forms.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

I

BRYAN LESTER, earliest known ancestor, lived in Charlotte County, Virginia. The time of his birth is estimated to have been about 1730-35, and he died in Lunenberg County, Virginia, in 1796, leaving a will dated March 25, 1796, and proved June 9, 1796. In this document he named all his children and left the manor house to his son Frederick. He was the owner of a large estate and many slaves. June 4, 1787, he was named vestryman of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, and his name is signed in a bold hand in the *Vestry Proceedings Book,* now preserved in the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia.

Bryan Lester married Sarah Wimbish, who died in 1798. Both he and his wife were buried in the cemetery on the bank of the Meherrin River, four miles from Lunenberg Courthouse.

Children:

1. *Henry,* of whom further.
2. Bryan, married Alice Hooper.

3. Alexander, moved to the West.
4. Archibald, married Elizabeth Crymes.
5. Ermin, married William Richards.
6. Sally, married William Smithson.
7. Frederick, married Mrs. Pollard.
8. Martha, married Mr. Atkins.
9. Rebecca, married Mr. Estes.
10. Samuel, never married.

(Records in possession of descendants of the family, citing T. A. Owens: *Bryan[t] Lester of Lunenburg and His Descendants.*)

II

HENRY LESTER, son of Bryan and Sarah (Wimbish) Lester, was born in Lunenberg County, Virginia, about 1750-54, and died at Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee, in 1826, where both he and his wife are buried in the local cemetery. He left the Episcopal Church, became a convert to the Baptist faith and was a Baptist minister before he had passed his eighteenth year. In the history of the Virginia Baptist Church, as well as those of North Carolina and Tennessee, he is frequently mentioned. He was a man of prepossessing mien, a fluent speaker and especially effective in his work as an evangelist and organizer of new congregations. In 1808 he removed to western Tennessee, taking along all of his family with the exception of Bryan Wimbish and Sarah Pettus, who remained in Charlotte County, Virginia. He labored in Tennessee "until permanently disabled by age."

Henry Lester married, November 3, 1772, Elizabeth McConnico, sometimes written McConiche, believed to have been of Maryland ancestry.

Children:

1. *Bryan Wimbish,* of whom further.
2. Sarah, married Mr. Pettus.
3. Mary.
4. Robert, married Miss Mosely; removed to Georgia.
5. Fountain, of Giles County, Tennessee.

6. German, married (first) Miss Reid; (second) Catherine Cleveland; (third) Elizabeth Massie; (fourth) Elizabeth Lewis.
7. Nancy, married William Barksdale, of Rutherford County, Tennessee.
8. Sterling Henry, born July 4, 1798, died in July, 1825; married, June 15, 1824, Martha A. Wharton. (*Ibid.*)

III

BRYAN WIMBISH LESTER, son of Henry and Elizabeth (McConnico) Lester, was born in Lunenberg County, Virginia, about 1773, and died at Salem, Illinois, in September, 1837.

Mr. Lester was the proprietor of a general store at Keysville, Charlotte County, Virginia, where he had been successful in business. In 1834, his youngest child being nine years old, he decided to go West, Salem, Illinois, being his objective. He was accompanied by all his family with the exception of Elizabeth, who had married, and Robert Fontaine, who was in school, and was left to finish his education. Unfortunately, he discovered that it would be necessary to leave all of his slaves in Virginia. The furniture, including a piano, was shipped by river boat and finally hauled eighty miles by ox-team to its destination. Upon their arrival visitors came from miles around to listen to the piano, many of them never having seen one before.

In Virginia, Mr. Lester had been, as late as 1831, a vestryman of St. Paul's Parish, Charlotte County. In Illinois he assisted in the organization of a Baptist congregation and became, with all his family, an ardent supporter of the church.

In 1837, three years after their removal, both Mr. Lester and his wife died. Despite their being on an unbroken prairie farm, with no help, either skilled or unskilled, the older sisters kept the family together and eventually won out over the many and varied hardships they were forced to face. Fortunately both parents were able to leave them in comfortable financial circumstances, so their problems were somewhat lessened.

Bryan Wimbish Lester married (first), at Keysville, Virginia, in 1798, Elizabeth Lewis, of Dinwiddie County, Virginia. He married (second), March 30, 1808, Elizabeth Friend. (Friend III.)

Children of first marriage:

1. Elizabeth, married Archer Davidson; lived in Virginia and Maryland.
2. Frances Harriet, married John W. Roach; went to Illinois with her father.

Children of second marriage:

3. Martha Gordon, born December 25, 1808, died July 19, 1883; married Thomas Prior.
4. Sarah Ann, born in 1811, died in 1872; married John Leftwich.
5. Joseph, died unmarried.
6. Elizabeth (again), died "aged 18," unmarried.
7. George Edwin, born February 8, 1816, died March 3, 1894; married Elizabeth B. Anderson.
8. Louisa Wimbish, born in 1817, died December 8, 1843; married Samuel James Herron.
9. Robert Fontaine, born August 10, 1819, died May 24, 1900; married Virginia Stith Jordan.
10. *Agnes Jane,* of whom further.
11. Thomas Bryan, born June 24, 1824, died February 22, 1889; married Julia E. Horner.
12. German, born in 1825, died March 30, 1876; married Selina Anderson.

(*Ibid.*)

IV

AGNES JANE LESTER, daughter of Bryan Wimbish and Elizabeth (Friend) Lester, was born at Keysville, Charlotte County, Virginia, April 17, 1822, and died September 17, 1883. After the death of her parents she was sent to a girls' seminary at Palmyra, Missouri, where relatives were living.

She married Dr. Matthew Walton Hall. (Hall VIII.) (*Ibid.*)

FRIEND ARMS

Arms—Gules, a chevron ermine between three bucks' heads cabossed argent.
Crest—A stag's head cabossed proper.

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

Friend

FRIEND is a surname of the nickname order, "the friend." The Middle English spelling was frend, and the name appeared in the time of Edward II as *le Frend,* later *Frynd,* and finally *Friend.*

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

I

CAPTAIN THOMAS FRIEND, first of the family of record, died in Chesterfield County, Virginia, in 1760. He was a sea captain and had made three voyages from England to the "New World" before he finally settled in Chesterfield County, where he purchased his estate on the James River and named it "Baldwins." He, with his wife, and other members of his family were buried there, but all trace of the cemetery has been lost.

Captain Thomas Friend married Frances Cox. (Cox III.)

Children:

1. Judith.
2. Thomas, Jr., born in 1733, died in 1768; married Sarah Bass. (Bass I, Child 8.)
3. Edward.
4. *Joseph,* of whom further.
5. Nathaniel.
6. Ann.
7. Frances Osborne.

(Records in possession of descendants of the family, citing: *Letters Written by Thomas Friend, Now in Charlotte, Virginia. A Chart of the Friend Family,* in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,* Vol. X, p. 85.)

II

JOSEPH FRIEND, son of Captain Thomas and Frances (Cox) Friend, was born at "Baldwins," Chesterfield County, Virginia. In 1767 he received a grant of 288 acres of land in Charlotte County, which two years before had been formed from Lunenberg County. He added to his possessions, was very successful in his business ventures, and was known as a man of uprightness. He was the first of the Friend family to leave the Episcopal Church and join the Presbyterian. Joseph Friend was probably a captain in the Revolutionary War. All compilers of records of the Virginia Militia include the name of Captain Friend, and Charlotte County records for November, 1777, read:

> Recommendations were made for subaltern officers in the companies commanded by Captains Hubbard, Goode, William Goode, Friend, Brown and Harvey.

Joseph Friend married Elizabeth Bass. (Bass III.)
Of seven children, there is record of two:

1. Thomas, inherited his father's estate.
2. *Elizabeth,* of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

III

ELIZABETH FRIEND, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bass) Friend, was born at the family mansion, "Level Green," Charlotte County, Virginia, in 1781, and died in 1837.

She married, as his second wife, Bryan Wimbish Lester. (Lester IIII.)
(*Ibid.*)

Bass

BASS ARMS

Arms—Sable, a bordure argent.
Crest—Out of a ducal coronet two wings proper.

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

[illegible] Bass Daughter of William & Mary Bass
[illegible] Daughter of Henry & Mary Walthall was
[illegible] October the 1st 1747

[illegible] Bass Daughter of William & Mary Bass was
[illegible] the [illegible] Day of August Anno 1748

Lucy Bass Daughter of William & Mary Bass was
Born the Twenty Ninth Day of April Anno 1750

Archd Bass Son of Wm & Mary Bass was born
Octobr the in the Year of our Lord 1752

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Thos Bass son of Wm & Cecelia Bass was Born
ye 23d Day of March Ano 1727/8
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Born ye 31th Day of July Ano Dom 1730
Peter Bass son of Willm & Cicilia Bass was Born
ye 23th Day of December 1732 A D

LUCE FROM BYRD'S FAMILY BIBLE

Byrd, Mary
born Feb. 7, 1674
died M. D.
daughter of Christopher
and Mary Willing Byrd
born Aug. 20, 1674
died Dec. 6, 1744
married Feb. 5, 1706
William Byrd
of Westover
born Mar. 28, 1728
died Aug. 26, 1777
married Jan. 1, 1748
Thomas Taylor
of Orange County
born Jan. 4, 1749
died Dec. 31, 1826
married Jan. 1, 1771
Robert Carter
of Nomini Hall
born Dec. 28, 1728
died Aug. 10, 1804
married Jan. 1, 1751
Anne Butler Brayne
born Mar. 28, 1734
died Dec. 31, 1784
Robert Carter
of Nomini Hall
born Jan. 1, 1773
died Aug. 10, 1804
married Jan. 1, 1793
Elizabeth Hill Carter
born Jan. 1, 1775
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Born the 21st Day of May 1730

Peter Bass Son of William & Cicilia Bass was
y[e] 23d Day of Decemb[r] 1732

Bass

THE surname Bass is derived from a nickname meaning "of low stature," that is, short and stout, corresponding to the French "le Bas."

The Bass family has an ancient lineage in England, and its members were established early in the counties of Somerset, Berks and Oxford, as shown by the following examples listed in early records: Nicholas Basse, County Somerset in Kirby's Quest, during the reign of Edward III; Hugh Basse, County Berks, and John Basse, County Oxford, in the Hundred Rolls of 1273, and in 1646 Edward Basse resided at St. Michael, Cornhill.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.* M. A. Lower: *Patronymica Britannica.*)

I

WILLIAM (1) BASS, first of this family of record, was born about 1676. His will, dated February 27, 1746, disposed of land in the counties mentioned below. He lived in that part of Henrico County, Virginia, that later became Chesterfield. He owned land on Skinquarter Creek, Henrico County, as well as large tracts in Goochland and Amelia counties.

There is a copy of a very old Bass Bible in the Archives Department of the Virginia State Library, which bears a notation that it was given by Mary to her son, William, upon her death.

William (1) Bass married (first) Mary, whose surname is not known, and who died November 8, 1717; married (second), October 9, 1718, Cecilia Branch.

Child of the first marriage:

1. *William (2),* of whom further.

Children of the second marriage:

2. Christopher.
3. Edward.
4. Joseph.
5. Mary, married Mr. Walthall.
6. Ann Branch.
7. Elizabeth, married Mr. Wilkinson.
8. Sarah, married Thomas Friend, Jr. (Friend I, Child 2.)

(Bass Family Bible, Archives Department, Virginia State Library. *Chesterfield Will Book I,* part i, pp. 38, 215.)

II

WILLIAM (2) BASS, son of William (1) and Mary Bass, was born in Dale Parish, Henrico County, Virginia, December 5, 1707.

He married (first), in 1731, Mary Clay, who died March 1, 1745, daughter of Henry and Mary Clay; married (second), 10-21-1747, Mary Walthall. (Walthall III.)

Children of the first marriage:

1. William, born in 1732, died in 1735.
2. Mary.
3. Frances.
4. William, born in 1736.
5. John.
6. Martha.
7. Henry.

Children of the second marriage:

8. *Elizabeth,* of whom further.
9. Luse.
10. Archard.
11. Edward, born August 15, 1754.

(Bass Family Bible, Archives Department, Virginia State Library.)

BASS

III

ELIZABETH BASS, daughter of William (2) and Mary (Walthall) Bass, was born August 13, 1748.

She married Joseph Friend. (Friend II.) (*Ibid.*)

WALTHALL ARMS

Arms—Or, a chevron vert, between three hawks close sable.
Crest—An arm embowed, vested gules cuff ermine hand clenched proper thereon a falcon proper close, beaked or.
(Burke: *Encyclopedia of Heraldry.* E. T. Walthall: *Walthall Family.*)

Walthall

THE name Walthall is found in England prior to the Norman Conquest and it is probable that the family in Virginia came there from London.

Raphael Throckmorton, of London, in his will dated August 2, 1669, bequeathed £10 to his wife's brother, William Walthall, residing in Virginia, and to his wife's sister, Elizabeth Clayton. A Walthall family has been found in London, but their exact connection with those in Virginia is not known.

William Walthall, described as alderman, in a will dated July 16, 1608, directed that he should be buried in the Church of St. Peter Cornhill, where his wife Cicely was buried, and named wife Margaret, children Thomas, Luke and Elizabeth, also brothers Thomas and Anthony; the latter's son, Richard, nephews William and John, sons of his brothers, and a cousin, Richard.

Thomas Walthall, of London, in his will dated April 23, 1613, expressed the desire to be buried in the same church as his brother, William Walthall, alderman, and described himself as a mercer. He mentioned two sons, John and Thomas.

Luke Walthall, who is also described as a mercer of London, in his will dated May 20, 1617, names wife Mary and eldest son William.

(M. E. Walthall: *The Walthall Family,* p. 1.)

I

WILLIAM WALTHALL is the first named as one of the justices of Henrico County, Virginia, January 15, 1656, and was present at a court held at Fort

Henry on that date. The following year he patented one thousand six hundred acres on Swift Creek and Asher Swamp. The patent follows:

> To All and Whereas and Now Know Ye that I, the said Samuel Matthews, Esquire, give and grant unto William Walthall, Merch't. sixteen hundred acres of Land lying and being in the County of Henrico on the north side of Appomatuck River in the Parish of Bristol, Bounded *viz.* Five hundred and fifty acres part thereof lyeth next above the Land now in the possession of Thomas Lyne and runneth northwest into the woods 160 chains and south southwest 250 poles for its breadth and East Southwest on the Swift Creek, and Two Hundred and fifty acres, other part thereof lyeth on the head of the above mentioned five hundred and fifty acres and Eight Hundred and fifty acres, the Residue, adjoineth to the two hundred and fifty acres and runneth into the woods, Northwest and for its breadth Northeast on the Asher Swamp as by plat more plainly appeareth, also marked threes at every station. The said land being due unto the said William Walthall as followeth: Seven hundred and fifty acres part thereof by Purchase from John Baugh as appeareth by the copy of the records of Henrico County, and Eight hundred and fifty acres, the residue, by and for the transportation of 17 persons into this colony convey and to Have and To Hold.
> Dated the 4th of October, 1657.

The list of seventeen persons is given and includes the name of William Walthall, probably his son.

In a patent dated in 1672, there is mention of land joining that of William Walthall, orphan. His widow, as guardian of his orphan children, was ordered to deliver their estates to them in August, 1689, at which time they had arrived at lawful age and in August of the following year they signed an acknowledgment that they had received it.

William Walthall married Ann, believed to have been Ann Archer. She married (second) Rev. William Norris.

Children:

1. William, resided in Henrico County; in will dated August 22, 1715, he left land to his cousins (nephews) Henry, Garret, Francis and Richard, and brother Henry.

2. Richard, father of brother William's heirs.
3. *Henry,* of whom further.
4. Elizabeth, married, as his first wife, Hugh Ligon, born in 1661, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas and Mary (Harris) Ligon. The Ligons were of French Huguenot descent. (*Ibid.,* p. 5.)

II

HENRY WALTHALL, son of William and Ann Walthall, was born prior to 1668, and died in 1722/3. His will is dated April 1, 1732, and was proved in October, 1733. He obtained patents for 326 and 400 acres of land in Henrico County in grants dated October 23, 1690, and July 9, 1724.

Henry Walthall married Mary, whose surname is not known, whose will is dated January, 1735/6, and was proved in May, 1736.

Children named in will:

1. William, received "all my lands where I know live, from the Cattail Meadow to the Appomatox River and all my land at the River where my brother, William, lived, also 200 acres at Saponey, it being the lower side."
2. Henry, received two hundred acres "being the other half of Saponey, being the upper side, next Skin Quarter Road and part of the land on the north side of Swift Creek known as Poplar Level."
3. Jeremiah, received "the lower part of the tract joining upon his brother Henry's."
4. John.
5. *Mary,* of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

III

MARY WALTHALL, daughter of Henry and Mary Walthall, died June 11, 1791.

She married William (2) Bass. (Bass II.)

(*Ibid.* The Bass Bible record is in State Library Archives 21462.)

Cox

COX ARMS

Arms—Quarterly, gules and vert on each quarter a bezant.

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

Cox

THE family name Cox, in most cases, originates from a nickname, as do Bird, Finch, Sparrow, from the cock, male of the hen kind. John le Cok and Henry le Cok are found in Kirby's Quest, Somersetshire, A. D. 1327.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

The name of the first Cox that came to America, of whom record is found, is "William Coxe, aged 26 in the 'Godspeed' in 1610," from a muster of the inhabitants of Elizabeth Cittie, 1624-25.

This William Cox received grants of land in Elizabeth City and also in Henrico County on the James River in that section known as "Harrow Addocks." He was the William Cox, who, on a return trip from England, was headright to Matthew Edloe.

From a land suit recorded in Book 1710-14, *Henrico County Records,* it is listed that William Cox of *Harrow* Addocks died before 1665, on which date his eldest son, Thomas, assigned his right to certain lands inherited from his father. Shortly after that *John Cox,* of whom further, became known as "John Cox of *Harry* Addocks, planter."

(Hotten: *Original Lists of Immigrants to Virginia.*)

I

JOHN COX, evidently a son of William Coxe, resided in Henrico County, Virginia, where his will was filed, dated February 19, 1691-92, and proved Feb-

ruary 1, 1696. He was granted 550 acres of land in Henrico County, March 29, 1665, on the north side of the river known as Harroeattocks. At the Court of Varina in 1698, Mary, widow of John Cox, entered suit against her sons to recover her dower right in five hundred acres of land.

John Cox married (second) Mary Kennon, who survived him.

Children:

1. John, married Mary Baugh.
2. William, married Sarah Perrin.
3. Bartholomew, married Rebecca, whose surname is not known.
4. Richard, will dated July 13, 1734; married Mary Trent.
5. Henry, died in 1697.
6. *George,* of whom further.

(*State* [*Virginia*] *Land Office Patents,* Book I, p. 403; Book V, p. 44. *Henrico County, Virginia, Wills,* Book V, p. 678. *Henrico Wills and Deeds,* No. 2, Part I, p. 443.)

II

GEORGE COX, son of John Cox, died in 1728. He sold 150 acres of land to Thomas Cheatham, April 2, 1726, and there is a memo attached that George and his wife, Martha, give peaceable possession of the land and Martha relinquishes her dower.

George Cox married, October 22, 1697, Martha Stratton. (Stratton III.)

Children:

1. Edward, executor of his mother's will.
2. Henry.
3. Ann, married Mr. Scott.
4. *Frances,* of whom further.

(William G. Stannard: *Henrico Records, 1677-1771,* p. 176. *Henrico Deeds and Wills,* No. 2, p. 14.)

III

FRANCES COX, daughter of George and Martha (Stratton) Cox, married Thomas Friend. (Friend I.) (*Ibid.*)

Stretton
(Stratton)

STRETTON (STRATTON) ARMS

Arms—Argent, on a cross gules five bezants.

(Harriet Russell Stratton: *A Book of Strattons,* p. 13.)

Stratton

THE Strattons, after diligent search, cannot be traced to a common ancestor. The name is a "place name" and had several, probably many, origins. Whenever the family home was on an old Roman road this surname was not uncommon. It is derived from two Anglo-Saxon words, "straet," a paved road; and "tûn," an enclosure, a home, or a small village. When the Saxons came into Britain they found there the paved roads of the Romans. Such roads they had never before seen, and having no name for them, began to use the Roman word "Stratum," which soon became "straet." To an enclosure having a strong wall, within which dwelt a family, usually a family of wealth, with other families dependant upon it, forming a small village, the Saxons gave the name "tûn," town.

The name Stratton was first applied to the place or enclosure, and later to the family who dwelt therein.

One of the very early settlements on the James River above Jamestown was "Henrico City," named in honor of Prince Henry. It had but a short existence, but left its name upon Henrico County. Later, Bermuda Hundred on the south side of the James at the mouth of the Appomattox was settled by Thomas Dale. In 1631 a patent of land along the James was granted to Thomas Pawlett. In 1645 a blockhouse, for the protection of the settlers against the Indians, was built, where Richmond, Virginia, now stands. In the spring of 1674 the Virginia Government gave Captain William Bird a liberal grant on condition that he would settle thereon "50 able-bodied men to defend the nation." It was probably at this time that the first Stratton came to Henrico County. Many

records have been destroyed and but few landmarks in the vicinity of Bermuda Hundred are left standing. The old burying ground, once a part of the Stratton farm, where in all probability three generations of Edward Strattons were buried, was long ago abandoned as a burial place.

(Harriet Russell Stratton: *A Book of Strattons,* Vol. I, p. 3.)

I

EDWARD (1) STRATTON was living in Bermuda Hundred, in that part of Henrico County that later became Chesterfield County, as early as 1674. In 1687 he purchased 287 acres of land and, in 1686, was granted additional land.

His will, dated December 1, 1688, names only his wife Martha and son Edward. His daughter Rebecca had probably had her portion at the time of her marriage.

He married (first), before 1655, a lady, of whom no record is found, but who died before 1676. He married (second), before 1679, Martha Shippy, widow of Thomas Shippy, of Bermuda Hundred. She died about 1695, leaving a will dated July 24, 1692, and mentions her children by Thomas Shippy.

Children of the first marriage:

1. *Edward (2),* of whom further.
2. Rebecca, married Robert Newman.

(*Ibid.,* pp. 213, 214, 215.)

II

EDWARD (2) STRATTON, son of Edward (1) Stratton, was born in 1655 and died in 1698. His will is dated August 27, 1698, and proved December 1, 1698. This will mentions his estate "both in England and Virginia."

October 20, 1691, Edward Stratton and John Warsham were granted 879 acres in Henrico County on the north side of Swift Creek. He also owned 150 acres south of this creek. In 1703 his widow, Martha Stratton, "and others"

were granted four thousand acres on the north side of the Appomattox River in Henrico County.

Edward (2) Stratton married Martha Shippy, daughter of Thomas and Martha Shippy, who died in 1721. Martha (Shippy) Stratton married (second) John Brown, of Henrico County.

Children, all born in Bermuda Hundred, Virginia:

1. *Martha,* of whom further.
2. Mary, married, in 1704, William Batte, of Prince George County.
3. Prudence, married, May 1, 1704, Henry Anderson.
4. Edward, only son, born about 1679; married Anne Batte, daughter of Henry Batte, of Prince George County.
5. Elizabeth, married Thomas Chamberlain, of Henrico County.
6. Sarah, married Henry Jones. (*Ibid.,* pp. 216, 217, 218.)

III

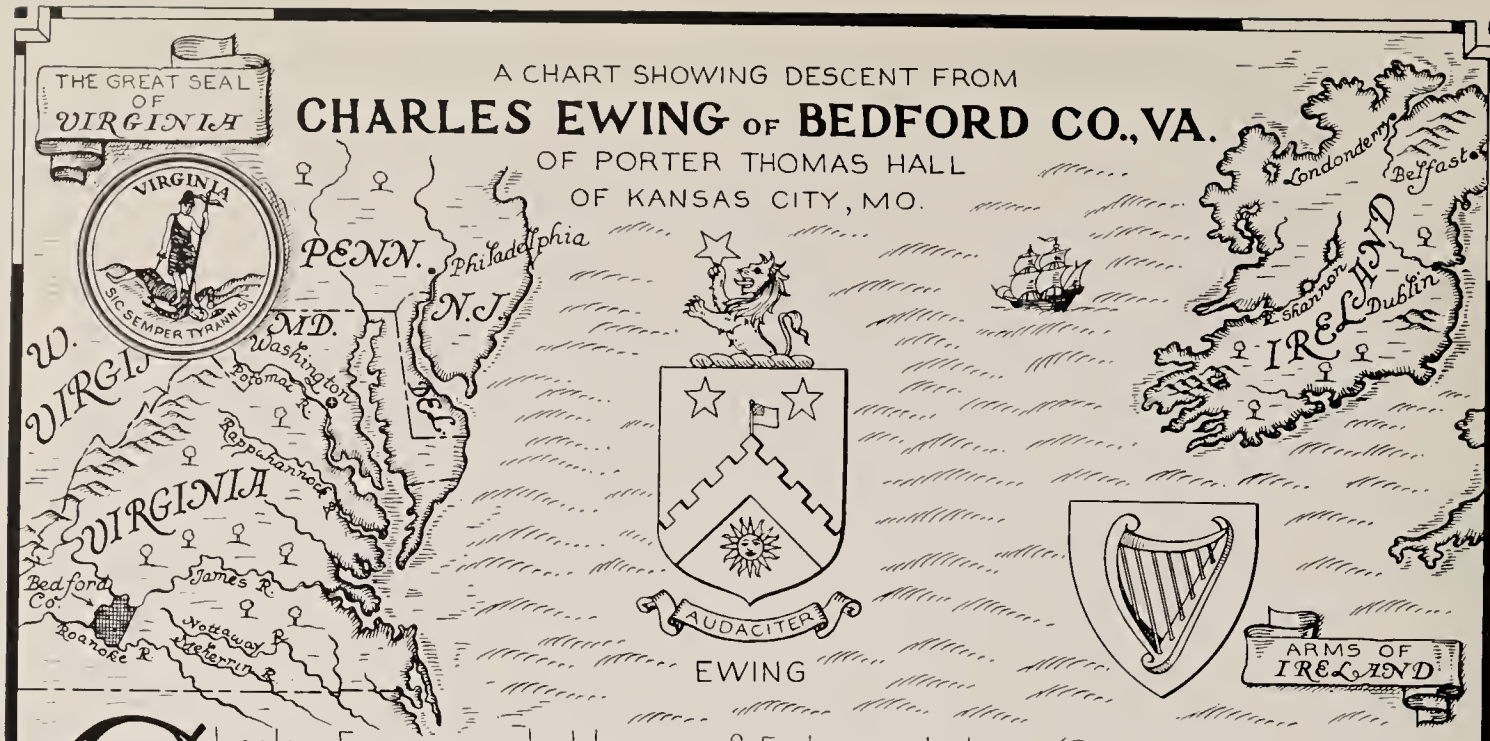
MARTHA STRATTON, daughter of Edward and Martha (Shippy) Stratton, died after October 17, 1729, when her will was dated. The document was proved the first Monday in June, 1734.

She married George Cox. (Cox II.)

(*Ibid.,* p. 216.)

EWING ARMS

Arms—Argent, a chevron embattled azure ensigned with a banner gules charged with a canton of the second, thereon a saltire of the first, all between two mullets in chief and the sun in his splendor in base of the third.
Crest—A demi-lion rampant in his dexter paw a mullet gules.
Motto—Audaciter. (Burke: *General Armory.*)



6 Charles Ewing, probable son of Finley and Jane (Porter) Ewing, emigrated, with his brother Robert, from Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland, between 1734 and 1740, and settled in Bedford Co., Virginia, where he d. in 1770. According to family tradition, his ancestors, becoming Presbyterians, were forced to flee from Scotland to escape persecution, and settled in Londonderry. Charles Ewing prospered in Virginia, and in his will bequeathed much land and other property. His will was dated May 31, 1770, and proved on July 24, 1770. He was a justice of the Bedford Co. Court. His wife was Martha Baker.

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5 Mary Ewing, youngest of eight children, was b. in Bedford Co., Va. in 1763. She m., Feb. 28, 1783, Thomas Crawford, a descendant of the Crawfords of Ayrshire, Scotland, who was b. April 12, 1754, and d. June 30, 1833. After their marriage they migrated to Kentucky, going down the Ohio River and settling at Perryville. They had ten children.

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4 Anne Crawford was b. at Perryville, Mercer Co., Ky., Aug. 20, 1789 and d. at Springfield, Ky., March 7, 1822. She m., July 6, 1807, as his first wife, Rev. Nathan Huston Hall, who, during her lifetime, was in charge of three congregations in Washington Co., Ky. After her death, the Rev. Mr. Hall m. again, and remained for twenty-five years in a Lexington, Ky. pastorate. In 1847, he became an evangelist and traveled over most of the Mississippi valley states for some years, gaining great prominence as a revival preacher. In May, 1851; he became pastor of a St. Louis church, and in 1860 moved to Booneville, Mo., and later; to Columbia, Mo., where he d. June 22, 1858.

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3 Dr. Matthew Walton Hall was b. at Springfield, Ky., May 15, 1817, and d. in Saline Co., Mo., Nov. 19, 1894. He graduated from Transylvania College with the degree of M. D. in 1837. He settled at Salem, Ill. where he m., May 16, 1839, Agnes Jane Lester who had recently come from Charlotte Co., Va., with her parents Bryan Wimbish and Elizabeth (Friend) Lester. Early in 1845 Dr. Hall and his family moved to Arrow Rock, Mo. In 1857 they moved to a farm sixteen miles to the west. Captured two days after he had enlisted in Oct., 1864, Dr. Hall stayed in prison in Alton, Ill. for the remainder of the Civil War.

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2 William Ewing Hall was b. at Arrow Rock, Mo., Aug. 21, 1846, and d. at Kansas City, Mo., July 6, 1900. After serving in the Confederate Army, he studied law and had a most successful career. He m., Apr. 17, 1872, Emily Porter, dau. of Jesse LeGrand and Lucy A (Stark) Porter, and descendant of Rev. James Porter who came to Kansas City from Tennessee in 1832.

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1 PORTER THOMAS HALL, b. at Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 18, 1879, m. Apr. 18, 1928 Josephine Bird

i Joseph Bird Hall, b. April 1, 1930

Ewing

EWING, with many variants of spelling, is a font name of Scotch origin, "the son of Ewan." This surname became popular across the border in North England during the sixteenth century.

According to a persistent family tradition, the ancestors of this lineage, becoming Presbyterians, fled from Scotland to North Ireland to avoid religious persecution, and settled at Londonderry. Here, Finley Ewing, the son of Captain Charles Ewing, was born in 1695, and married Jane Porter. From them our line descends.

(C. W. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.* Family records.)

I

CHARLES EWING, probable son of Finley and Jane (Porter) Ewing, died in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1770. His will was dated May 31, 1770, and proved in Bedford County, July 24, 1770, an abstract of which follows:

> I, Chas. Ewing of Bedford County, ... do make and ordain this, my last will and testament . . . .
>
> Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha one hundred acres of land, including all her Cloathes plantation and improvements where I now live, with my Negros Bet and Moll and their Issue with the old pasing gray mare and her saddle and furniture with my best bed & furniture while she continues my widow only and should she marry contrary to Expectation then the above Land and Improve-

ments with the then plantation tools with one Horse to my son Charles to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give to my son William Ewing all the upper End of the Tract of Land I now live on square across the survey from Robert Ewing's corner hickory on the creek and upwards with his mare and saddle to him and his heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robt. Ewing all the remainder of the survey of the Land I now live upon Lying above said William & Chas. Ewing including the survey I made in Needs meadow with the bay pacing mare and her colt Caleb had of henry holson to him and his heirs and assigns forEver.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my two sons Samuel and George Ewing the tract of two hundred and forty Acres of Land Known by the name of McBrides place to be equally divided according to the Quality between my two sons. I also give to my son Samuel the mare and colt known by the name of Grunds mare. I also give my son George the small bay mare got at the meadows . . . . to them and their heirs and assigns forEver.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son David Ewing all the survey of land on each side of the mane Road on Long Run by the half way hill near three hundred acres to him and his heirs and assigns forEver.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Caleb Ewing my Entry of four hundred Acres, more or less on the Waters of Goos Creek . . . . also it is my will and pleasure that my son Chas. Ewing out of his proportion pay my son Caleb . . . . ten pounds courrant money, which said Entry and ten pounds is to be to my son Caleb to him and his heirs forEver.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha forty pounds currant money ariseing out of the sale of moveable estate with a cow and calf to her and her heirs and assigns forever . . . . and what is to spare of said moveable Estate to be Equitably Given to my children as their needsesity Requires . . . .

Item. I give and bequeath & it is my free will and pleasure that the negroes . . . . Kate & Nanse and all their issue forever to be applied and made over only for the support of the Gospel & maintenance of a Regular Presbyterian minister in sd. Congregation as it may appear most Lawfull and Convenient forEver. Said negroes is

now in ye possession of the Revd. David Rice for the above purpose as long as he shall Continue Regular Minister for said Congregation.

I also constitute and appoint my beloved wife Martha Ewing and my son William Executrix and Executor of this my last will and testament.

CHARLES EWING.

Witnesses: THOMAS LLOYD, and JOHN, MARTHA, HANNAH and ROBERT EWING.

Charles Ewing emigrated from Londonderry, Ulster County, Ireland, with his brother Robert, between 1734 and 1740, and settled in Bedford County, Virginia. He served as justice of the Bedford County Court. His brother, Robert Ewing, also served as justice; married Mary Baker, sister of the wife of Charles Ewing, and they were the parents of twelve children, one of whom was General Robert Ewing, who served in the Revolutionary War.

Charles Ewing married Martha Baker.

Children:

1. William Charles.
2. Robert.
3. Samuel.
4. George.
5. David.
6. Caleb.
7. Martha.
8. *Mary,* of whom further. (Family records.)

II

MARY EWING, daughter of Charles and Martha (Baker) Ewing, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1763.

She married, February 28, 1783, Thomas Crawford, a descendant of the Crawfords of Ayrshire, Scotland, who was born April 12, 1754, and died June 30, 1833. After their marriage "they came down the Ohio River and settled in Perryville, Kentucky."

Children of Thomas and Mary (Ewing) Crawford:

1. Catherine, born June 20, 1785, died August 17, 1835; married, February 7, 1811, William McElroy.
2. Eliza, born September 24, 1786, died February 16, 1835; married, March 22, 1803, James Gilkerson.
3. Samuel, born December 4, 1787, died August 14, 1868; married, December 3, 1814, Catherine Ewing.
4. *Anne,* of whom further.
5. Thomas, born April 10, 1793, died August 27, 1835; married, May 18, 1816, Rebecca Ewing.
6. John, born December 20, 1794, died February 10, 1857; married, March 13, 1817, Sarah McElroy.
7. Margaret, born December 31, 1796, died July 1, 1822; married, March 7, 1816, Thomas J. Crawford.
8. William E., born September 29, 1798, died February 21, 1852; married, November 22, 1825, Esther J. McElroy.
9. Mary, born November 29, 1800, died October 9, 1832; married, March 1, 1830, Jacob Crow.
10. Cyrus, born December 3, 1802, died September 21, 1855; married, May 25, 1837, Mahala Walker. (*Ibid.*)

III

ANNE CRAWFORD, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Ewing) Crawford, was born at Perryville, Mercer County, Kentucky, August 20, 1789, and died at Springfield, Kentucky, March 7, 1822.

She married Rev. Nathan Huston Hall. (Hall VII.) (*Ibid.*)

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